

THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING NURSING PUBLICATIONS

Nursing, as a knowledge area of the health sciences, has expanded its research repertoire, especially in regard to the increase of postgraduate *stricto sensu* courses, in the professional master's degree, master's degree, doctorate degree or even post-doctoral research modes.

Data from CAPES¹ for the four-year evaluation from 2013 to 2016 include 102 courses, of which 38 are Doctorate degree courses, 41 are academic master's degree, and 23 are professional master's degree. By the end of 2016, the Nursing Area had 5,823 graduate students enrolled, of which 2,780 were academic master's degree students, 2,206 doctoral students and 837 professional master's students. Considering the previous triennium, paper's publication increased by 77% with the publication of 16,321 papers in 1,579 journals.

From this potential contingent of production, as well as, considering the presence of nurses who, by virtue of interdisciplinarity and other conditions of searching for postgraduation courses in other areas, there are other productions in journals of various areas other than Nursing, which are not included in this amount presented by CAPES.

In addition to the impact assessment and the insertion of production into the practice that is deemed necessary, all the production of *stricto sensu* Nursing post-graduation needs to be published; which, by the way, only becomes production when it is disclosed and thus capable of bringing new elements, as well as transforming the practice.

It seems evident the need for scientific journals of good quality, which are able to show the Brazilian Nursing production, especially with international partners, in order to meet the contemporary demands.

From this place, the Journal of Nursing and Health Care (REAS) has been engaged in the dissemination of productions that highlight changes and transformations in the health sector and health care, with bilingual publications (English and Portuguese), which provides more accesses (national and international), visibility, citations and, mainly, possibilities of contributions to the assistance, teaching, investigative practices, among others.

REAS aims to expand its publications in a third language, as well as the number of articles in terms of research, especially, as one of the goals of opening space to the dissemination of Nursing scientific productions.

It is acknowledged that this is a great challenge; therefore, this space is used as to access of publications of national and international investigations, as well as the opening a communication channel of REAS with the Nursing scientific community.

Enjoy your reading!

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