

## **The Abstract**

Gender stereotypes associated with men working as nurses are currently a topical issue in society. The aim of this study is to map out students' stereotypical perceptions of men as students or employees in the role of a general nurse. The theoretical part of the study defines stereotypes as well as the roles assigned to nurses and men as their performers. Furthermore, it describes the position of men in the workplace and during their studies, and whether stereotypical thinking affects their careers.

The empirical part of the study utilizes data obtained through a questionnaire survey using a structured questionnaire of its own construction, which was distributed to students of General Nursing and Pediatric Nursing at the 2nd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, in printed form. Out of the total number of distributed questionnaires, 97 were completed in full. Detailed results are presented in tabular summaries and pie charts.

The evaluation of the questionnaire survey demonstrated that stereotypes prevail more in lay society than among the students themselves. From this, it can be inferred that the students themselves do not consider men in the role of a nurse to be an unusual phenomenon. The majority of students perceive men rather as beneficial in this profession and do not focus on associated stereotypes.

## **Key words**

Gender, Male as a nurse, Nursing, Stereotype