

## **Abstract**

This dissertation presents the development of nursing and nursing education in the first half of the 20th century in the Czech lands. This period is characterized by the transition from lay care to professional nursing care. Professional nursing care is represented by nurses, certified nurses of patients. The first part analyses the education system and its transformations. The dissertation describes education in the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. The thesis follows the context of the later law on the establishment of schools for nurses in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. New nursing schools in Czechoslovakia fundamentally influenced the quality of nursing in hospitals and public healthcare. The first Czech Nursing School in Prague and its graduates, certified nurses, had a major influence in the whole process of transformation into nursing. One of the aims of the thesis is to analyze the activities of graduates of this educational institution and its impact on the development of nursing in the whole country, the public view, the development of education in nursing, new legislation and the increase of the social level of nurses. The next part of the thesis is devoted to the activities of nursing staff in hospitals and public health. There were two world wars during this period. The thesis describes the activity of nursing care during the war. This section is supplemented by personal stories of the sisters. The dissertation describes the shortage of nursing staff and its solution. The thesis mentions the international influence on Czechoslovak nursing. Professional associations of nurses are listed. The thesis deals with civilian nurses. The thesis does not describe the nuns very much. The aim of the thesis is to describe the fundamental changes that have shaped nursing and their influence on the moral, professional, social level of nursing staff and the quality of nursing care. The dissertation works with the basic literature on the history of nursing. She studied archival documents about institutions and individuals. The thesis used the analysis of periodicals, publications and textbooks. The thesis describes legislative norms and foreign texts.

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