

The bachelor thesis deals with spiritual needs of patients and the importance of satisfying those needs. The object of the thesis was to investigate the nurses' awareness of the topic and their relationship towards this issue.

The thesis follows the two traditional lines – theoretical and empirical.

The theoretical part firstly deals with needs in nursing generally and clarifies the basic concepts such as spirituality, religion, faith, atheism and agnosticism. Further on the notion of spiritual need is specified in more detail along with the possibilities of its satisfaction. Spiritual care of patients is explained from different perspectives of various denominations and religions.

The empirical part consists of research, where by means of questionnaires the nurses' awareness and their attitudes towards the spiritual needs and their fulfilling were investigated.