Lived Experiences of Newly Qualified Fijian Nurses during clinical placement four months after registration in Fiji.

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Introduction: Nursing is a clinical based profession, where nurses are required to perform clinical competencies in the care of their patients in everyday life. New nurses graduating from a three year course in nursing are employed by the Ministry of Health at the tertiary teaching hospital in Fiji. As evident in the literature world-wide, during this transition many new nurses face various types of hurdles and stress. However, there is no record of any such research carried out in Fiji to explore if new nurses in this country also face the same type of hurdles. Using the transitional theory lens, this study is set to explore the experiences of new graduating nurses in Fiji.

Method: The study will utilize qualitative phenomenological methodology. Through purposive sampling, the ten (10) new nurses from the tertiary teaching hospital in Fiji will be interviewed. Data will be collected using audio tapes which will be transcribed and then analyzed through thematic analysis.

Results: The study will be beneficial to nurse educators and nurse managers in providing information on areas for appropriate assistance to new nurses during their transition to professional nursing career.

Discussion: This study will be conducted in a large hospital which should be a representative of the new nurse's population in the research setting. Further it is not in the interest of the researcher to generalize findings but it would be worth mentioning that the majority of nurses who are employed in the hospital have graduated for the university where the researcher is teaching.
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