

A STUDY OF FIRST AID AWARENESS AMONG PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS

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Abstract

The present study was conducted to find out the level of the first aid awareness among prospective teachers. In this study the sample was 600 prospective teachers. The first aid awareness scale for prospective teachers was constructed and standardized by Anandhakrishnaveni and Karumaliyan (2018). From the result it was found that the prospective teachers have average level of first aid awareness pertaining to locality, type of family and major subject.

Keywords: *First Aid, First Aid Awareness and Prospective Teachers.*

Introduction

The teacher is most important academic and professional person in the educational setup under whose charge, the fate of children is shaped. The success of any educational system depends much on the requisite qualities of teacher. Giving the emphasis on teachers' qualities the report of Kothari Commission (1964-66) has mentioned that "teacher remains the most important factor among various factors leading to quality education and contributing to national development. Hence all the educational activities obviously depend on personal qualities, qualifications, competence and character of teachers."

Education is considered as a great and unique investment in human capital for the present and the future. It is generally considered as a vital factor for all-round development of a country. A good teacher with good behaviour and personality traits can motivate, inspire and make the students almost lost in the teaching. Teacher can only make the nation strong. Home, school and society play a great role in indicating attitude and interest in teacher towards their pupils. It is a fact that a nation is built by its citizens, who are actually moulded by teachers. Teacher plays an inevitable role not only as a mere transmitter of knowledge and culture but as a changing agent. They prepare the next generation and it is their commitment, devotion and dedication that determine the future society.

Significance of the Study

First aid is the immediate and initial assistance given to people who suddenly become sick, victim of injury etc. before professional medical assistance arrives. Any crisis can be handled easily with enough preparation, including a medical one. First aid kit which is properly stocked can be of a great help. Preparing and maintaining a first aid kit is also a great way of teaching kids about safety, though it should be stored well out of their reach. First aid is an important life skill that helps to reduce fatalities and enables the faster treatment of injuries. Learning first aid can be of great help to staff and pupils to have a sense of purpose and achievement, giving them the skills that will potentially save lives. So the

prospective teachers as future teachers must have the First aid skills, hence the need for the conduct of the present study.

Operational Definitions

- **First Aid Awareness:** It refers to knowledge about emergency care or treatment given to an ill or injured person before regular medical aid.
- **Prospective Teachers:** It refers to the students studying in the colleges of education from Virudhunagar District.

Objectives of the Study

1. To find out the level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers with regard to locality.
2. To find out the level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers with regard to type of family.
3. To find out the level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers with regard to major subject.

Hypothesis of the Study

The level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers is average based on locality, type of family and major subject.

Methodology

The normative survey method was used for the present study. A sample 600 prospective teachers (male 230 and female 370) was selected from Virudhunagar district by using simple random sampling method. The investigator has used first aid awareness scale prepared and validated by AnandhaKrishnaveni and Karumalaiyan (2018).The tool consists of 34 items.

Percentage Analysis

Objective-1: To find out the level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers with regard to locality.

Table-1 Level of First Aid Awareness among the Prospective Teachers with respect to Locality of Students

Variable	Locality of Students	Low		Average		High	
		count	%	count	%	count	%
First Aid Awareness	Rural	62	14.7	326	77.4	33	7.8
	urban	29	16.2	121	67.6	29	16.2

It can be seen from from the table 1, that among the rural prospective teachers 14.7% of them have low level, 77.4% of them have average level and 7.8% of them have high level of first aid awareness. Among the urban prospective teachers, 16.2% of them have low level,

67.6 % of them have average level and 16.2% of them have high level of First Aid Awareness.

Objective-2: To find out the level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers with regard to type of family.

Table-2 Level of First Aid Awareness among the Prospective Teachers with respect to Type of Family

Variable	Type of Family	Low		Average		High	
		count	%	count	%	count	%
First Aid Awareness	Nuclear	76	18.4	291	70.3	47	11.4
	Joint	15	8.1	156	83.9	15	8.1

It can be seen from the table 2 that, among the prospective teachers from nuclear families 18.4% of them have low level, 70.3% of them have average level and 11.4% of them have high level of first aid awareness. Among the prospective teachers from joint families 8.1% of them have low level, 83.9% of them have average level and 8.1% of them have high level of first aid awareness.

Objective-3: To find out the level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers with regard to major subject.

Table-3 Level of First Aid Awareness among the Prospective Teachers with respect to their Major Subject

Variable	Major Subject	Low		Average		High	
		count	%	count	%	count	%
First Aid Awareness	Arts	36	17.1	156	74.3	18	8.6
	Science	55	14.1	291	74.6	44	11.3

It can be seen from the table 3 that, 17.1% the arts group prospective teachers have low level, 74.3% of them have average level and 8.6% of them have high level of First Aid Awareness. 14.1% of the science group prospective teachers have low level, 74.6% of them have average level and 11.3% of them have high level of First Aid Awareness.

Major Finding of the Study

The level of first aid awareness among the prospective teachers is average w.r.to locality, type of family and major subject.

Conclusion

From the findings of the present study it can be concluded that knowledge about first aid awareness is significant one among prospective teachers. Government should include a chapter on first aid in the syllabus and take up measures to develop and promote first aid awareness among prospective teachers as they are going to teach the future citizens.

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