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Comparing Nursing Education: China and Poland

Nursing education, since its inception by Florence Nightingale, has undergone modifications so as to create more room for diversity and complexity. There have been establishment of thousands of nursing schools in every part of the world, having different but yet like standards based on different influences and the foundations laid by Florence Nightingale. This piece will compare nursing education system in China and Poland.

The Polish since the 1980s have made adjustments in their nursing care and education system so as to ensure homogeneity within the country and also when compared with the European standards. In line with the above stated facts, the preparation and implementation of the Polish nursing education model is such that it is in line with or complies with the European standards and nurses produced therein will obtain professional qualifications comparable to that of nurses in the European Union states. The adjustment also led to the eradication of secondary nursing programs, in other words, nurses graduating from secondary medical schools are not recognized for professional qualifications. Recent research proved the Masters' degree program as the backbone system of education for nurses as most emergent nurses appeared to have completed the aforementioned program.

Nursing Education in China does not have much publication on it due to political secrecy and a 30-year abolition of post-secondary nursing education. Modern nursing education in China owes its inception to the influx of Western missionaries into China after the Opium war. Nursing education in China, unlike Poland is influenced by American organizations. Almost every approved nursing program in China, no matter the level, leads to eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse. These nursing programs include: secondary nursing programs, zhuanke programs, baccalaureate programs, and non-traditional post-secondary programs. The nursing education system in China is independent of any foreign standards and as such owes its qualifications or standard levels to the Chinese Government. The secondary nursing programs constitute the larger percentage of the nursing education system in China, in fact, ninety-nine percent (99%) of nurses in China are trained in this system (the remaining one percent constitutes nurses trained in post-secondary nursing programs). In order to prepare nurses to

work abroad, nurses have to take foreign language nursing programs whose goal is to train nurses with a specific foreign language.

Other differences are tabulated below:

Nursing education in China	Nursing education in Poland
Masters' programs last for 3 years.	Masters' programs last for 2 years.
Doctoral programs last for 3+2 ⁺ years.	Doctoral programs last for about 3 ⁺ years.