Working with the elderly: Factors associated with the interest of nursing students in Brazil and Chile

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Abstract

Objective: to identify factors associated with the interest in working with the elderly as a future job market among nursing students from Brazil and Chile. Method: cross-sectional analytical study, conducted between March and September 2018, including 885 nursing students. A form was used with sociodemographic information related to family and areas of activity and the Family Support Perception Inventory. Statistical analysis included bivariate associations and multiple logistic regression models. Results: 27.5% of the students considered working with the elderly as a possible professional performance, without association with family variables. There were positive associations between those who attended public institutions and cited working with children and negative associations among older students. Conclusion: for most nursing students in Brazil and Chile, working with the elderly was not considered as a possibility of professional performance; this possibility was lower among older students and higher among students from public institutions. © 2021 Universidade Federal da Bahia. All rights reserved.