



**Thesis Title** Hardiness of Nursing Students in Private Higher Education Institutions

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**Abstract**

The purpose of this descriptive study was to examine hardiness among nursing students in private higher education institutions. The populations were 386 fourth-year nursing students in 9 private higher education institutions around Thailand. The research instrument was a questionnaire composed of 2 parts: the demographic data profile and the Personal Views Survey. This instrument was developed by Kobasa and others (Kobasa, 1982) and translated to Thai by Ubol Niwattichai and Pakapan Woottiluk . In this study the reliability of the instrument was obtained by Cronbach's coefficient alpha, it was .82. Data were analyzed by using frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation.

The average score of hardiness was 86.74, and S.D. 14.10. Thirty seven percent of the subject had hardiness at moderate level , and 29.53 percent at relatively high level .

This result indicated that the hardiness score of nursing students in private higher education institutions were at moderate level to relatively high level. This finding may be used as a basic information to develop standardized score on hardiness in this specific population.

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