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# INVERTIGATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTOLERANCE OF UNCERTAINTY AND PATIENCE LEVELS OF NURSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROSSES

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### THESIS ABSTRACT

In this study, it was aimed to examine the relationship between intolerance of uncertainty and patience levels of nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic process and to determine the factors affecting intolerance and patience levels of uncertainty. The study was carried out between January and March 2022 at S.B.Ü. This is a descriptive study conducted with 120 nurses working in Bursa Yüksek İhtisas Training and Research Hospital Main Building, Gynecology and Pediatrics Building and Heart Center Buildings. The data of the study were collected using the "Demographic Information Form", "Intolerance of Uncertainty Scale" (BST-12) and "Patience Scale". In the evaluation of the data obtained from the research; SPSS 23.0 (Statistical Package for Social Science) program was used. According to the research findings; Nurses' Intolerance of Uncertainty Scale mean total score was  $36.55 \pm 8.38$ , and the Patience Scale total score mean was  $37.08 \pm 7.45$ . When the total scores of the intolerance of uncertainty and patience scale and its sub-dimensions were compared according to age, gender, education level, years of work in the profession, shift order during the COVID-19 pandemic, and working status in the COVID-19 service (emergency-intensive care-clinic), no statistically significant difference was found. ( $p > 0.05$ ). A statistically significant correlation was found between the total score of the intolerance of uncertainty scale and the total score of the patience scale at a weak level in the opposite direction ( $r = -0.287$ ;  $p = 0.001$ ). The prospective anxiety score of single nurses was found to be higher than the married ones ( $p = 0.049$ ).

### APPLICATION AREAS OF THE THESIS RESULTS

No study has been found in the international and national literature examining the variables of intolerance of uncertainty and patience of nurses. Our study result has made a significant contribution to the literature.

### ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

