THE PERCEPTION SCALE TOWARDS
DISTANCE NURSING EDUCATION (perstoDNE)

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ABSTRACT

The distance nursing education programs provide an alternative way to solve nurse shortage. In creating these programs, the perception of nurses toward distance education are important. The perceptions of nurses are not known in Turkey. There is no a perception scale. The study was carried out to develop the perception scale towards the distance nursing education.

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