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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AMOS	:	Analysis of Moment Structure
AGFI	:	Adjusted Goodness-of-Fit
AVE	:	Average Variance Extracted
CFA	:	Confirmatory Factor Analysis
CFI	:	Comparative Fit Index
CR	:	Composite Reliability
CR	:	Critical Ratio
DF	:	Degree of Freedom
ML	:	Maximum Likelihood
GFI	:	Goodness-of-Fit Index
RMSEA	:	Root Mean Square Error of Approximation
SEM	:	Structural Equation Modeling
SD	:	Standard Deviation
SE	:	Standard Error
SKT	:	Sasaran Kerja Tahunan
SPSS	:	Statistical Package for Social Science
TLI	:	Tucker-Lewis Index
ISIS	:	Integrated Spiritual Intelligence Scale
6-D Scale	:	Six Dimensions Scale

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Spiritual Intelligence has been discussed through out many years. Previous reseach studies on it have been explored extensively in the context of human development, organization, education and health. The importance of spiritual intelligence are found in the healthcare service as nurses deal with stressful environment that can effect their performance. Spiritual intelligence as believed can give a positive attitude and productive in work will lead to good quality of care. However, there are few studies on it in examining the effect of spiritual intelligence with nurse's work performance especially in Malaysia.

Applying Tischler's model (2002) and a great support from Theory of Work Performance (Blumberg & Pringle, 1982), this study attempts to identify important item among domains in spiritual intelligence from nurse's perceptions, to determine the relationship of nurses' spiritual intelligence and their work performance, to examine demographic factors as a moderator between spiritual intelligence and work performance and to test the best model of Nurse's Work Performance (NWP).

The research empirically validate the hypothesized model of the influence of spiritual intelligence towards work performance among nurses in the selected hospitals in the East Coast of Malaysia. By employing cluster sampling procedure, 505 nurses answered a set of questionnaire that consists of Integrated Spiritual Intelligence Scale (Amram & Dryer, 2009) and Six Dimension Scale (Schwirian, 1978).

The hypothesized model was analysed using structural equation modelling (SEM) with AMOS software version 18.0 in order to test the relationships on the impact of spiritual intelligence on work performance. In addition, this study also investigated the moderating effect of age, tenure and work place location on the model. The findings from the modelling analysis revealed the fit statistics of the hypothesised model i.e. p -value = 0.000, normed chi-square=3.999, CFI=0.972, TLI=0.963, GFI=0.939 and RMSEA=0.077. This showed that the model is valid and acceptable.

In addition, the findings showed that the moderating factor of nurse's age and hospital's location is not significant and it could be concluded that the model is applicable to all nurse's age and all hospitals involved in this study. The findings also suggested that the spiritual intelligence can give a positive effect on work performance. The research makes several theoretical contributions and also paves the way forward to empower spiritual intelligence in nursing schools and training centres to enhance nurse's work performance especially in East Coast of Malaysia.

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Kecerdasan Spiritual telah dibincangkan oleh ramai penyelidik secara meluasnya dalam konteks pembangunan manusia, organisasi, pendidikan dan kesihatan. Kepentingan kecerdasan ini mula menjadi perhatian bagi pengkaji di dalam kualiti perkhidmatan kesihatan. Kecerdasan spiritual dilihat mampu memberi sikap positif dan meningkatkan prestasi kerja boleh membawa kepada kualiti jagaan yang baik. Walau bagaimanapun hanya sedikit yang mengkajikan kesan kecerdasan spiritual terhadap prestasi kerja jururawat terutamanya di Malaysia

Menggunakan Model Tischler (2002) dengan sokongan kuat daripada Teori Prestasi Kerja (Blumberg & Pringle, 1982), kajian ini bertujuan untuk mengesahkan model hipotesis pengaruh kecerdasan spiritual terhadap prestasi kerja jururawat di hospital-hospital terpilih di Pantai Timur Malaysia. Dengan menggunakan prosedur persampelan kluster, 505 jururawat menjawab satu set soal selidik yang terdiri daripada Skala Bersepadu Kecerdasan Spiritual (Amram dan Dryer, 2009) dan Skala Enam Dimensi (Schwirian, 1978).

Model hipotesis telah dianalisis menggunakan Permodelan Persamaan Struktur (PPS) dengan perisian AMOS versi 18.0 untuk menguji hubungan kecerdasan spiritual terhadap prestasi kerja. Di samping itu, kajian ini juga melihat kesan moderator umur, tempoh perkhidmatan dan lokasi tempat kerja di dalam model. Dapatan kajian analisis model mendedahkan statistik padanan dengan nilai-p=0.000, khi kuasa dua relatif=3,999, CFI=0.972, TLI=0.963, GFI=0,939 dan RMSEA=0.077. Ini menunjukkan bahawa model tersebut adalah sah dan dapat diterima. Sebagai tambahan, analisis Bayes juga telah dijalankan untuk mengesahkan keputusan yang didapati sebelumnya. Kesimpulannya, hubungan antara kecerdasan spiritual dan prestasi kerja adalah signifikan secara statistik. Selain itu, kajian menunjukkan bahawa faktor moderator umur dan tempoh bekerja adalah tidak penting dan boleh dibuat kesimpulan bahawa model ini terpakai kepada semua hospital-hospital yang terlibat dalam kajian ini.

Kajian ini telah memberi beberapa sumbangan secara teorinya dan membuka ruang bagi memupuk dan menekankan kecerdasan spiritual di sekolah kejururawatan dan latihan untuk meningkatkan prestasi kerja jururawat terutamanya di Semenanjung Malaysia.

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