

The Effect of Using Mobile Device With Quick Response Code on Academic Performance Amongst Pediatric Nursing Students

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Abstract: Mobile devices are more powerful and portable nowadays with plenty of useful tools for assisting people handle daily life. Mobile technology and quick response (QR) codes have great potential to improve teaching and learning because mobile technologies enable learning across multiple contexts, through social and content interactions. **Aim of the study:** The aim of the study was to evaluate effect of using mobile device with quick response code on the academic performance amongst pediatric nursing students. **Design:** A quasi-experimental research design was used to conduct the study. **Settings:** This study was carried out in clinical pediatric laboratory skills for third year students and teaching hall of Faculty of Nursing / Benha University. **Sample:** A purposive sample 180 pediatric nursing students from third year, pediatric nursing department regardless their characteristics, the students randomly selected by a systematic random sample and divided into two identical groups (90 student as a study group) and (90 as a control group). **Tools of data collection:** Four tools consist of three parts, **Tool (1):** A structured interviewing questionnaire: to gather data in relation to characteristics of the study subjects, pediatric nursing student's knowledge regarding mobile learning. **Tool (2): Likert scale: attitude scale toward mobile learning:** To assess the pediatric nursing student's attitude toward mobile web quick response code. **Tool (3): An observational checklist sheet;** It was developed by the researchers in the light of relevant literature review to assess pediatric nursing students in clinical pediatric nursing skills. **Results:** The results showed that, that there was a highly statistically significant difference in knowledge, attitude and practice score for the studied student regarding mobile learning between study and control at post training as compared to pre of training implementation ($P < 0.001$). **Conclusion:** the study was concluded that, the pediatric nursing students gain a satisfactory knowledge, practice skills and attitude toward the mobile learning. **Recommendations:** The nursing staff should be create specific strategies for using mobile web quick response code technology such as guidelines for taking pictures and videos during lectures or clinical practices.

Keywords: *Mobile devices, Mobile learning, Quick Response codes (QR).*

Introduction

Mobile learning (M learning) is a type of learning that takes place with the help of mobile devices and simply means learning anywhere and at any time. A mobile device is "any device that is small, autonomous and unobtrusive enough to accompany us in every moment. Mobile devices also can

be mediated to acquiring knowledge and skills through actions or interactions. Mobile learning three aspects can be specified for this type of learning: Mobility of technology, mobility of learning and mobility of learner. Mobility of technology focuses on examining the possibility of using

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portable and wireless devices such as mobile phones, laptops, and tablets for educational purposes (**Rahimia and Miri, 2014**).

Mobile learning refers to a teaching and learning method that utilizes mobile devices to extend traditional teaching and learning and sustain high levels of student engagement with rich connections to other people and resources across different contexts. Learning can refer to the mental processes that lead to changes or outcomes in knowledge, behaviors, skills, attitudes and values. Learning can occur inside and outside the classroom and the learning situations can be either formal planned lessons or informal unplanned and spontaneous learning experiences (**Rikala, 2015**).

The benefit of using mobile and wireless communication technologies to provide learners with learning supports and learning guidance for infield activities or in class activities. QR code can be applied to various practical applications such as science, nursing, medicine and social science learning and language courses. The mobile learning has been conducted all over the world, but only a small portion of the studies have addressed the use of QR codes in education. Because QR codes are versatile, they can support learning in different contexts (**Sung, et al., 2016**).

Mobile learning facilitates the interaction between students and teachers in the classroom and allows the exchange of information outside the university. M-learning will not replace the traditional classroom or the electronic learning system, but it can work as additional support to complement and add value to the existing learning models (Aish, 2014). Mobile devices are currently used to enhance or support learning in a graduate in order to facilitate student

achievement. Information obtained from the students in order to provide suggestions on applications and web resources that can be accessed at little or no cost (**Megan and Mendez, 2014**).

Quick response code (QR) is a special type of barcode than can hold more information can be retrieved and displayed quickly using the camera on a smartphone, android or a tablet device. QR Code is a two-dimensional barcode, which consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background (McKee, 2014). The QR code functions as a link between reality and the virtual world by allowing users to scan a printed object (via their phones' cameras), giving access to content such as a website, a video, etc. QR codes in education can be placed in the context of mobile learning. QR codes facilitate learning outside of classroom and learning materials are no longer limited to textbooks. There is a variety of ways to use QR codes in educational context. Teachers were cooperating in developing new ways to embed QR codes in learning (**Thayer, 2012**).

Nursing learning environment is shared among a classroom, hospital, community and other educational settings. Particularly in clinical learning environment, students might encounter many challenges as they apply theoretical knowledge and practical skills gained in academic settings in health care settings. Therefore, mobile phone with QR technologies can be an important resource for clinical practice because of their accessibility. As well, their use is consistent with the notion that clinical decision support is a core function of health information system. The nurse educators should explore the use of mobile phone with QR technologies to support nursing students in clinical training as they provide easy access to quality educational material at

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the point of care, especially the current generation of students has grown up encompassed by information technology (Durak, et al., 2016).

Significance of the Study

Worldwide, there has been a rapid increase in both the use of mobile technologies as a conduit for student learning and the use of wearable cameras to record sporting and recreational activities. The combination between two technologies to produce a repository of freely available short videos and supporting materials to enhance student development of psychomotor clinical skills. Quick Response (QR) Codes, that when linked to the videos placed on equipment assists with “just in time” mobile learning (Cheong, et al., 2012). Nursing students require extensive preparation and training to attain competency in clinical skills. Ensuring adequate competency prior to students being introduced to the clinical setting may improve patient safety and health outcomes. Teaching strategies for efficient clinical skill acquisition should allow students to experience situations similar to clinical settings. By using technology to support pedagogically sound learning activities, students may be able to faster acquire and master specialized information (Yang, et al., 2013).

The aim of the study to evaluate the effect of using mobile device with quick response code on the pediatric nursing students' performance in their learning experience.

Aim of the study

This study aimed to evaluate the effect of mobile device with quick response (QR) code on the pediatric nursing students'

performance in their learning experience, through the following:

- 1) Assessing knowledge and practice of pediatric nursing students regarding mobile device with QR code.
- 2) Implementing training course by using mobile device with QR code on pediatric nursing students
- 3) Evaluating the pediatric nursing students' attitude toward using of mobile device with QR code

Research hypothesis

The mobile device with QR code will be increases student knowledge, attitude and performance.

Subjects and methods

Research Design

A quasi experimental design was used in the current study.

Setting

This study was conducted in the accredited faculty of nursing / Benha University at both clinical pediatric laboratory skills for the third year/ pediatric nursing students and the teaching hall of faculty of nursing.

Sample

A purposive sample of 180 pediatric nursing students from the third year, pediatric nursing department regardless their characteristics, the students were randomly selected and divided into two

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identical groups (90 student as a study group) and (90 as a control group).

Inclusion criteria:

- Students from both sexes.
- Age of students ranged between 20<25 years.

Exclusion criteria:

-Students previous take pediatric nursing course by using mobile device with quick response code.

Tools of data collection

Tool (1): A structured interviewing questionnaire:

It was developed by the researcher in an Arabic language after reviewing the related literatures, it included two parts:

▪ **Part I: Personal characteristics of the study subjects**

Personal characteristics of the studied students include the following: age, sex, academic year, residence and previous training in pediatric course with mobile website quick response code.

▪ **Part II: Pediatric nursing student's knowledge sheet**

It was developed by the researcher in an Arabic language after reviewing the related literatures, it included two parts:

◆ **Part (One): Pediatric nursing student's knowledge about mobile learning**

It was developed by the researcher to assess pediatric nursing student's

knowledge regarding mobile learning include the following: previous using of mobile device, uses of mobile device, concept, reasons for use of mobile device, benefits, types and difficulties facing mobile learning.

◆ **Part (Two): Pediatric nursing knowledge test**

This test was designed by the researcher based on review current literatures review to assess clinical pediatric nursing skills. It consists of 40 questions that covered: Phototherapy, oxygen therapy, weight, height and drug administration. In form of multiple choices, true and false, filling the missing space and complete the following question.

Scoring system of the knowledge questionnaire

The studied students answers were compared with a model key answer, where 2 scores were given for complete correct answer, 1 score was given for incomplete correct answer and 0 score for wrong answer and unknown answer. According to the students' responses, their total level of knowledge was categorized as either unsatisfactory level (less than 60%) or satisfactory level (from 60% to 100%).

Tool (2): Likert scale: attitude scale toward mobile learning;

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It was adopted from a standardized likert type rating scale by **Lynch et al., (2011)**. It was used to assess the pediatric nursing student's attitude toward mobile web QR code. It included 15 question.

Scoring system of the attitude

The responses of students' attitudes were classified into Yes (2), sometimes (1) and No (0). The total scores of attitudes were divided into two levels as either negative attitudes (< 60%) or positive attitudes (60% ≤ 100%).

Tool (3): An observational checklist sheet

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It was developed by the researchers in the light of relevant literature review to assess pediatric nursing students in clinical pediatric nursing skills. It included 4 procedures: phototherapy, oxygen therapy, drug administration (IM injection) and growth measurement (weight and length), According to the actual students responses, their total level of practice was categorized as either poor level (less than 50%), average level (50% to less than 75%) or good level (75% to 100%).

Tool (4): Educational training program booklet:

It was prepared by the researcher after reviewing the related literature. The program content included two parts: first part knowledge related to mobile learning device as concept, types, indication,

benefits, and difficulties facing mobile learning. Second part knowledge related to quick response code (QR) as definition, development of QR, indication, methods of using QR in learning, advantage and standard for designed learning environment. The videos were designed and linked by innovative quick Response (QR) codes to mobile devices such as Smartphone's, android and tablets. Each student scans QR and takes web site. The following 4 short instructional videos were showed during skill demonstrations:

- 1) Phototherapy
- 2) Oxygen therapy
- 3) Growth measurement (weight and height).
- 4) Drug administration (Intramuscular Injection).

The program includes three sessions each session takes from 20-30 minutes. At the end of the program implemented, a booklet of the program was given to each student as a reference. A post test was done to evaluate the effect of the program on improving student knowledge and practice upon using of mobile phone device. The teaching methods used were discussions, brainstorming, and lecture

Preparatory phase:

Tools validity and reliability

The data collection tools were revised by a panel of three experts in the field of

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pediatric nursing to test face and content validity. Modification of the study tools were done according to the panel judgment on clarity of sentences, appropriateness of content and sequence of items. The reliability and internal consistency reliability of all items of the tools was assessed by using coefficient alpha. It was 0.94 for a structured interviewing questionnaire part 2 to assess pediatric nursing student's knowledge regarding mobile website quick response code, 0.83 for student's pre and post questionnaire, 0.75 for tool (3) to assess attitude of pediatric nursing student's regarding mobile website quick response code.

Method:

Exploratory phase:

Ethical considerations and human rights:

The researchers explained the aim of the study to the pediatric nursing students and they were informed that the study is harmless. The researchers secured that all the gathered data are confidential and are used for the research purpose only. The students were informed that they are optionally allowed either to participate or not in the study and they have the right to withdraw at any time. An oral consent was taken from the students.

Pilot study

A pilot study was carried out on 10 % of the total sample size (18 pediatric nursing students) over a period of two weeks to test the validity and applicability of the study tools and to estimate the time needed to fill the questionnaire. No radical modifications were carried out on the study tools so the study subjects were included in the study sample

Field work:

Permission from faculty dean of nursing, Benha University was obtained in order to take an approval for conducting the study.

The actual field work was carried out over a period of three months during academic year 2016-2017 (from the 1st October till the end of December 2016). The purpose of the study was explained by the researchers to all students (study and control groups) included in the study. Total number of pediatric nursing student in first term was (196), (5) students refused to participate and (11) student not have mobile phone. So the final total of study sample was (180) who agree to participate in the study them were 90 as a study group and 90 as control group. The study group divided into (5 groups), each group consists of (18 students). The researchers interviewed each student. Initial individually assessment of student's knowledge and practice by using mobile phone device was carried out prior to

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training sessions using tool 1 and 3. The training started by teaching the theoretical pediatric course for all students. In study group the theoretical pediatric course consist of definition, indication, equipment and procedure for each procedure and takes about 35minutes for knowledge.

- ◆ **Theoretical part** conducted in the 3rd year pediatric nursing students' department class room and teaching hall take 2 hours while the implementation of the practical part conducted in the affiliated nursing laboratory as previously mentioned.
- ◆ **Practical part:** started by setting objective of mobile phone device based training, preparation of the content which covered the reason behind the application of the sessions: Phototherapy, oxygen therapy, growth measurement and drug administration (IM). Demonstration and redemonstration were conducted in 2 sessions for each group in the clinical pediatric nursing laboratory skills, 2 sessions per day/ approximately 2 to 3 day per week for 20 days, the time of each session about 45 to 50 minutes, the time depending upon understanding and responses of the students. Students divided into groups (the group consist of 5 students) to facilitate their training on the mobile phone device. Study

group and control group take the same course. Each student takes about 15-20 minutes; student was allowed to perform the steps of each procedure in the faculty clinical pediatric nursing laboratory skills under the supervision of researcher. The researcher was repeated procedures until the student mastered these skills. The evaluation phase, during this period the researcher observed the students' practice for pediatric clinical skills after using mobile learning with QR through pre and post examination form and assessed their knowledge and attitude through students' self-administered questionnaire sheet.

Statistical analysis

The collected data were organized, tabulated and analyzed using electronic computer and statistical package for social sciences (SPSS) version 20. Descriptive statistics were calculated for the data in the form of: Mean and standard deviation for quantitative data, and frequency and distribution for qualitative data. Also in analytical statistics, inter-group comparison of categorical data was performed by using chi square test (X^2 value). Also, Pearson correlation coefficient test was used. P value <0.05 was considered statistically significant (*) while >0.05 statistically

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insignificant and P value <0.001 was considered highly significant (**) in all analyses.

Results

Regarding to student age, the all (100%) of the study and control groups are ranged between 20-22 years old. In relation to student it was found that, gender the majority (93.3% and 67.8%) of the study and control groups are female. (67.8% and 61.1%) of the study and control groups resident were in rural area, in relation to previous uses of mobile in learning nursing skills, it is found that, all (100%) of the study and control groups haven't used mobile phone device in learning. Meanwhile, the majority (82.2% and 57.8%) of study and control groups were uses mobile to download songs.

Table (1): Shows that, there was a highly statistically significant difference in knowledge score for the studied student regarding using mobile learning in post training between study and control as compared to pre training implementation (**P=<0.001**).

Table (2): This table presented that, there was a highly statistically significant differences between pre and post training in relation to all items of pediatric nursing skills (P<0.001).

Table (3): Showed that, there was a highly statistical significant difference (P value <0.001) between study and control groups in relation to their total knowledge regarding pediatric nursing skill favor study group.

Table (4): This table presented that, there was a highly statistically significant differences between pre and post training in relation to all items of practice of studied students about phototherapy, oxygen, length, weight and drug administration (X²=172, P<0.001)

Figure (1): Reflects that, the majority (93.3%) study group has positive attitudes towards mobile learning in the post training in relation to control group.

Figure (2): Showed that, the majority (95.6%) study group has good practice towards pediatric nursing skills in the post training in relation to control group.

Table (5): Showed that, there was a highly statistical significant difference (P value <0.001) between study and control groups in relation to their total knowledge, practice and attitude score favor post training.

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Table (1): Mean and standard deviation of the studied student's knowledge regarding using mobile with quick response code (pre/post n=180).

| Item | Study group | | | | Paired (t) | p | Control group | | | | Paired (t) | p |
|---|---------------|--------|----------------|---------|---------------|------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------|---------------|------|
| | Pre- training | | Post- training | | | | Pre- training | | Post- training | | | |
| | Mean ± SD | | Mean ± SD | | | | Mean ± SD | | Mean ± SD | | | |
| Concept of mobile website QR code learning | .1000 | .39803 | 2.8889 | .40901 | .076 | .940 | .0000 | .00000 | .0000 | .00000 | 40.137 | .000 |
| Reasons for using mobile website QR code | .0000 | .00000 | 5.6333 | 1.17512 | -7.162- | .000 | .0000 | .00000 | .0000 | .00000 | 40.137 | .000 |
| Benefits of mobile website QR code | .0000 | .00000 | 7.3778 | 2.58160 | -7.981- | .000 | .0000 | .00000 | .0000 | .00000 | 40.137 | .000 |
| Types of devices mobile website QR code | .2333 | .83532 | 7.1333 | 1.31713 | -9.281- | .000 | .0000 | .00000 | .0000 | .00000 | 40.137 | .000 |
| Difficulties facing the application of mobile website QR code | .1333 | .73744 | 8.6333 | 3.24106 | -8.730- | .000 | .0000 | .00000 | .0000 | .00000 | 40.137 | .000 |

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Table (2): Comparison between studied students' knowledge regarding pediatric nursing skills at pre training and post training (study and control group n=180)

| Items | Study group(No.90) | | | | | | X ² test | p | Control group(No.90) | | | | | | X ² test | p |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------|
| | Pre training | | | Post training | | | | | Pre training | | | Post training | | | | |
| | Correct and complete answer | Correct and incomplete answer | Don't know | Correct and complete answer | Correct and incomplete answer | Don't know | | | Correct and complete answer | Correct and incomplete answer | Don't know | Correct and complete answer | Correct and incomplete answer | Don't know | | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | | | % | % | % | % | % | % | | |
| Choose the correct answer | 4.4 | 23.3 | 72.2 | 70.0 | 22.2 | 7.8 | 104.34 | .000 | 1.1 | 17.8 | 81.1 | 57.8 | 31.1 | 11.1 | 106.02 | .000 |
| Complete the missing space | 2.2 | 31.1 | 66.7 | 71.1 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 101.79 | .000 | 1.1 | 30.0 | 68.9 | 65.6 | 20.0 | 14.4 | 95.28 | .000 |
| Complete the following | 4.4 | 22.2 | 73.3 | 61.1 | 21.1 | 17.8 | 80.63 | .000 | 3.3 | 17.8 | 78.9 | 56.7 | 25.6 | 17.8 | 79.18 | .000 |
| True and false question | 0.0 | 24.4 | 75.6 | 78.9 | 11.1 | 10.0 | 124.74 | .000 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 81.1 | 67.8 | 22.2 | 10.0 | 111.65 | .000 |

Table (3) Total knowledge scores of studied students regarding mobile learning through the training phases (No 180).

| Topic | Study group(90) | | | | Control group(90) | | | | X ² test | p |
|----------------|-----------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------|-----|---------------|------|---------------------|------|
| | Pre training | | Post training | | Pre training | | Post training | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Satisfactory | 2 | 2.2 | 80 | 88.9 | · | 0.0 | 77 | 85.6 | 159.564 | .000 |
| Unsatisfactory | 88 | 97.8 | 10 | 11.1 | 90 | 100 | 13 | 14.4 | | |
| Total | 90 | 100 | 90 | 100 | 90 | 100 | 90 | 100 | | |

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Table (4): Comparison between studied students practice regarding phototherapy, oxygen, length, weight and drug administration, at pre and post training (study and control n=180)

| Items | Study group(No.86) | | | | | X ² test | p | Control group(No.86) | | | | | X ² test | p |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------|---------------------|------|
| | Pre training | | | Post training | | | | Pre training | | Post training | | | | |
| | Done correctly | Done incorrectly | Not done | Done correctly | Done incorrectly | | | Done incorrectly | Not done | Done correctly | Done incorrectly | Not done | | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | | | % | % | % | % | % | | |
| Phototherapy | 3.3 | 6.7 | 90.0 | 92.2 | 7.8 | 155.49 | .000 | 2.2 | 97.8 | 83.3 | 13.3 | 3.3 | 161.53 | .000 |
| Oxygen therapy | 0.0 | 6.7 | 93.3 | 95.6 | 4.4 | 170.40 | 000 | 3.3 | 96.7 | 83.3 | 14.4 | 2.2 | 162.43 | 000 |
| length | 0.0 | 4.4 | 95.6 | 95.6 | 4.4 | 172.00 | 000 | 1.1 | 96.7 | 66.7 | 30.0 | 3.3 | 164.53 | 000 |
| Weight | 1.1 | 4.4 | 94.4 | 93.3 | 6.7 | 168.04 | 000 | 3.3 | 95.6 | 85.6 | 11.1 | 3.3 | 159.16 | 000 |
| Drug administration | 1.1 | 12.2 | 86.7 | 95.6 | 4.4 | 164.31 | 000 | 12.2 | 87.8 | 91.1 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 161.11 | 000 |

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Figure (1): Distribution of the studied student's according to their total attitude toward mobile learning

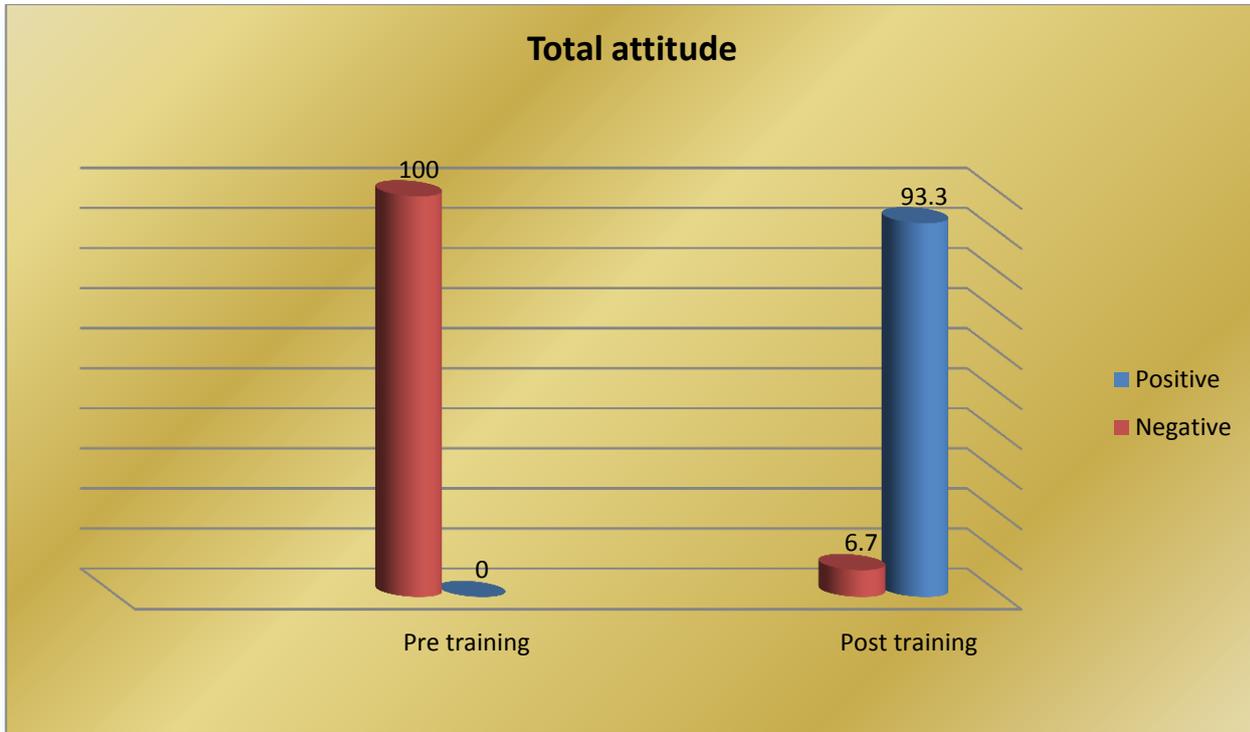


Figure (2): Distribution of the studied student's according to their total practice toward mobile learning

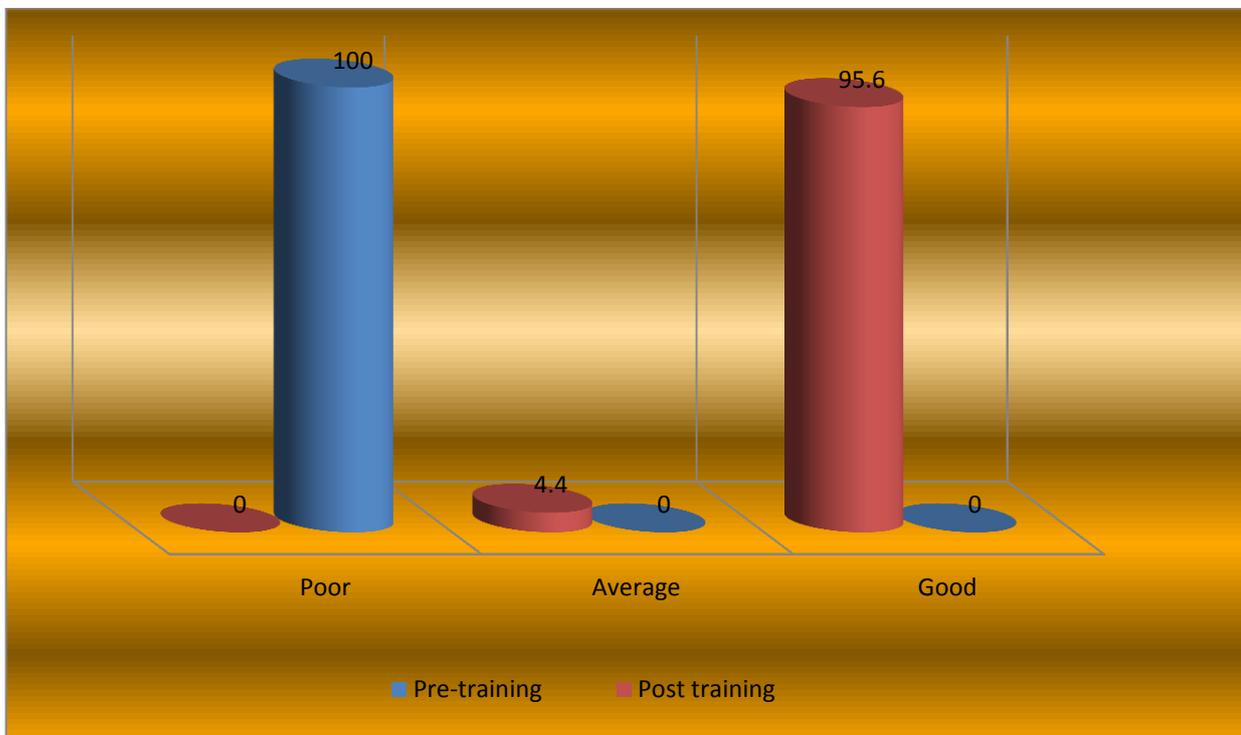


Table (5) Total knowledge, practice and attitude scores of studied students regarding mobile with quick response code during the training phases (No 180).

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| Topic | Study group(90) | | | | Control group(90) | | | | x | P value |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------|------|----------------------|-------|---------------|------|--------|---------|
| | Pre-training | | Post training | | Pre-training | | Post training | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| Total knowledge score | | | | | | | | | | |
| -Satisfactory | 2 | 2.2 | 80 | 88.9 | · | 0.0 | 77 | 85.6 | 159.56 | .000 |
| -Unsatisfactory | 88 | 97.8 | 10 | 11.1 | 90 | 100 | 13 | 14.4 | | |
| Mean ± SD | 17.88± 14.23 | | | | 1.5722 ± .496 | | | | | |
| Total practice score | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good | 0 | 0.0 | 86 | 95.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 29 | 32.2 | 180.00 | 0.001 |
| Average | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 4.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 58 | 64.4 | | |
| Poor | 90 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 90 | 100.0 | 3 | 3.3 | | |
| Mean ± SD | 1.97± .991 | | | | 1.64± .744 | | | | | |
| Total attitude | | | | | | | | | | |
| Positive | 0 | 0.0 | 84 | 93.3 | - | - | - | - | 356.14 | 0.001 |
| Negative | 90 | 100.0 | 6 | 6.7 | - | - | - | - | | |

Discussion

Technology has brought a lot of changes incorporating in education. Nursing educators needs to face these challenges by designing a new learning experience to practice in an altering health care environment. Mobile devices can enhance nursing students to learn content and improve how nurses practice to safe patient care (**Gapp, 2015**). The nurse educators should be explore the use of mobile with QR code technology to support nursing students in clinical training can enable student involvement and provide rich and rapid feedback (**Rahman, et al., 2015**).

Regarding to student age, the majority of the study and control groups are ranged between 20-22 years old. In relation to student gender it was found that, the majority of the study and control groups are female, less than three quarters of the study and control groups were reside in rural area, in relation to previous uses of mobile in learning nursing skills, it is found that, all of the study and control groups haven't used mobile phone device in learning. Meanwhile, the majority of study and control groups were uses mobile to download songs. This study a accordance with **Abd EL-Fattah,**

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(2017), which study titled “usage of smartphones technology in learning environment and its effect on academic performance amongst nursing students,” who showed that, the studied sample age, (51.4%) of students their age ranged between (18-25) years old, (50.9%), there was a highly statistically significant difference between the frequency distribution of the study sample classified by age ($P < 0.000$). With respect to studied sample gender, there was a highly statistically significant difference between studied sample gender ($P < 0.000$). Moreover, this study produced results which corroborate the findings of **Martin and Ertzberger (2016)**, which study titled “effect of reflection type in the here and now mobile learning environment,” who illustrated that, most (86%) of the participants were female and 14% were male; 87% were in the 18–22 age range, 8% were in the 20–23 age range and 5% were in the 30–40 age old.

Table (1): The results of the study showed that, there was a highly statistically significant difference in knowledge score for the studied student regarding mobile learning at post training between study and control as compared to pre training implementation ($P = < 0.001$). This finding of the study is in concurrence with **Raman, (2015)**, which study titled “mobile technology in nursing education,” who illustrated that, all of the students (100%) being very knowledgeable in the use mobile web QR code. All students were easy scanning QR

codes, 90% they found the QR codes to be more helpful than traditional text book pictures. Students in the study group indicated high levels of total engagement of 79.8 (≥ 66.5 , highly engaged), with a mean score of 4.18 (> 3.4 , highly engaged). The highest mean (SD) scores for the engagement subcomponents were emotion, followed by performance, skills and participation. In the line of this study accordance with **Law. and So, (2010)**, which study titled “QR codes in education,” who showed that, more than 90% ($n = 15$) had desired to continue using QR technology in the classroom. In addition, 98% thought that the codes covered the necessary information and beneficial in the clinical setting. All of the students had satisfaction with QR codes as a learning activity, most (92%) indicated that, they were strongly satisfied with the exercise.

This result has been support the findings of **Zurmeahly and Adams (2017)**, which study titled “using quick response codes in the classroom,” who reported that, students scanning QR codes was easy and felt that the QR codes helped improve their learning of cardiac rhythm strips and feeling most engaged when course work activities could be applied to real-life situations.

This may be attributed to all students from children till college enters lecture and using textbook for studying.

Table (2): This table presented that, there was a highly statistically significant differences pre

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and post training in relation to all items of pediatric nursing skills ($P < 0.001$). In this context **Chaves, (2015)**, which study titled “ an investigation of the effects of smartphone technology characteristics on nurses perceived usefulness and attitudes towards using smartphones for work ,” who mentioned that, in nursing education smartphone technology can be used for a quick access to course content, educational materials and guidelines during clinical procedures, classes and acquire information related to students’ performance. Each student academic success to determined by their performance during classroom tasks, demonstrations and examinations ideas, skills and knowledge of student and planned grade clearly indicate the performance of a student.

On investigating student attitude, the majority study group has positive attitudes towards mobile learning in the post training in relation to control group.

This result has been support by the findings **De Pietro, and Fronter, (2012)**, which study titled “ mobile tutoring for situated learning and collaborative learning in AIML application using QR-code, ” who showed, the mobile devices in learning have positive effect on students’ clinical learning in medical sciences education. In general, there were several instances of positive effects of mobile learning utilization on clinical learning of students. The fields that were affected by mobile learning included nursing process, catheterization, drugs

calculation, maintain infant airway, intramuscular injection and chest tube insertion.

Table (5): This study revealed that, there was a highly statistical significant difference (P value < 0.001) between study and control groups in relation to their total knowledge, practice and attitude score favor post training. This study accordance with **Koohestani, et al. (2017)**, which study titled “ The educational effect of mobile learning on students of medical science, ” who explored that, the effects of mobile learning intervention on students' knowledge of the nursing students in nursing process and improvement of their learning. In this context, **Guo, et al. (2015)**, which study titled “ An integrative review of the impact of mobile technologies used by health care professionals to support education and practice ,” who mentioned that, the integration of mobile technologies in nursing curricula allowed students to actively participate in different learning contexts and reinforce learning at any time or any location. This participation has the potential to increase student achievement, make student attitudes more positive and lead to authentic learning activities that are indicative of the potential benefits derived from here and now mobile learning. Mobile devices assist learners to focus their attention on the context of the learning environment. Meanwhile, **Jabbour, (2014)**, which study titled “ an analysis of the effect of mobile learning on Lebanese higher education, ” who indicates that, the learner had

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a positive attitude toward the use of mobile devices with QR code in the classroom. The regular use of technology improved the level of student comfort and satisfaction in using technology. The use of mobile technology in the classroom have an effect on students' motivation to learn and achievements.

This study accordance with **Kivisto, (2017)**, which study titled“ nursing students' experiences in learning with mobile technology, ” who showed that, improvement in nursing practice happens as the student can use mobile technology. Most of the positive experiences and feelings aroused from the device benefits which these then together enabled learning. Motivation towards learning enhances as they feel comfort using mobile technology. Thus, offering the students with mobile technology learning tools has a great chance to improve learning and future practice.

These results are consistent with findings **Joyce and Kellie,(2017)**, which study titled“ using quick response codes in the classroom, ” who explored that, using mobile technology can be enhance clinical knowledge. Mobile technology use and including QR codes are increasing in general collegiate classrooms. Overall, the use of QR codes was a creative and positive way to integrate technology into the classroom to provide students with instant positive feedback. Nursing educators should consider incorporating newly emerging technologies that support student development of clinical

reasoning skills to facilitate higher levels of learning. The QR codes served as a cost-effective learning aid to supplement student learning

This study accordance with **Lai, and Wu, (2012)**, which study titled“ supporting nursing students' critical thinking with a mobile web learning environment, ” who illustrated that, the use mobile device and web-based applications for clinical skill education has increased learner satisfaction compared with the conventional education methods. The use of mobile-based video clips in nursing skill education may also enhance accessibility to these videos and ultimately improve learning outcomes. Use of mobile devices in education highlights the transition from educator centered teaching to learner centered education

Conclusion

Based on the results of the present study, the study was concluded that, The mobile website QR code as a learning tool can help students to achieve or perform well. The pediatric nursing students gain good knowledge and improve their practice skills and attitude by using mobile with QR code.

Recommendations

Based on the Findings of the Current Study, the Following Recommendations were deduced

- The nursing staff should be create specific strategies for using mobile with quick response

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code technology such as guidelines for taking pictures and videos during lectures or clinical practices.

- Nursing educators ought to design educational methods, activities, and material that are appropriate for mobile with quick response code technology.

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