



# THERAPY STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE & PERCEPTION OF BANGLADESH REHABILITATION COUNCIL ACT, 2018

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**Title: “Therapy students’ Knowledge, Attitude & Perception of Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council Act, 2018”.**

**Aim of the study:** This study aimed to determine the knowledge, attitude, and perception of final year therapy students about Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council Act -2018.

**Methodology:** This is a quantitative type of cross sectional survey study where 120 samples were assigned purposively from CRP, NITOR and SCHS. A self-demonstrated questionnaire was used for the study. Data was analyzed by using descriptive statistical analysis (SPSS= Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) method.

**Result:** Among 120 respondents, 59% were Physiotherapy students while 49.3% of them were male and 50.7% were female. 24% respondents were Speech and Language Therapy students while 34.5% were male and 65.5% were female among them and 17% were from Occupational Therapy students while 45% were male and 55% were female among them. Among, 120 respondents, 85 were from BHPI, 15% were from NITOR and 20 % were from SCHS. Moreover, findings showed that Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy and Speech and Language Therapy students had adequate knowledge, negative attitude, and bad perception towards BRCA.

**Conclusion:**The BRCA-2018 was well-understood by the Therapy students. Overall, respondents had a negative attitude towards BRCA and had a negative perception about BRCA. These findings suggest that most students had a good understanding of professional ethics. Because

professional personalities influence attitudes, we can conclude that professionals' periodic updated knowledge of BRCA was poor, affecting professional students' perceptions of BRCA. There was a significance association between Course and knowledge level where ( $.000 < 0.05$ ), Institution and Perception level where ( $.008 < 0.05$ ) and Gender and Perception level where ( $.007 < 0.05$ ).

### **Limitation:**

One limitation was the lack of a standardized questionnaire to assess knowledge, attitude, and perception about Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council Act-2018; another was the generalizability of the findings, as this study was conducted for therapy students only. There was insufficient literature to discuss in a national context due to Bangladesh's lack of research in this field. Moreover, the study was done on less population and researcher selected only 3 institution's students as participant.

### **Recommendation:**

- It is recommended that Therapy students should have current knowledge and information about Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council Act-2018. While there was a negative attitude and poor perception. These results suggested that knowledge, attitude, and perception all are interconnected. The following suggestions are made to help therapy students to improve their knowledge, attitude, and perception about BRCA.
- Therapy students should update themselves regularly about BRCA and law related information to improve their knowledge, attitude, and perception about their own countries rehab council act (BRCA).
- More time, participants from more institutions and more places of Bangladesh, for further research would be beneficial for this research.

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