The evaluation of the levels of histology self-efficacy beliefs of students of dentistry faculty

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Abstract
Histology is one of the foundational courses of the faculties which give health education. In order to be successful in the field of dentistry, one should master the basic histology knowledge. The histology courses in Kocaeli University Faculty of Dentistry are held as General Histology and Oral Histology beginning from the second grade. The purpose of our study is to evaluate the effect of the histology courses taken, on the Histology Self-Efficacy Beliefs (HSEB) in the students of the department of dentistry. 16 male (21.3\%) and 59 female (78.7\%) students (75 in total) from the 2nd grade of the faculty of dentistry have contributed to our study. Some personal information like gender, geographical regions where they come from and places where they dwell and the self-efficacy belief scale have been implemented on the students who participated in the study. In the direction of the obtained information and from the HSEB point of view, there is one student from the Southeastern Anatolia region who with 40 points ranks at the last row. In conclusion, we think that since the level of development of the Southeastern Anatolia region is low, this may have a negative effect on the students who live there and for this reason, we think this is why the HSEB levels of the students who come from the Southeastern Anatolia region are low.

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