

This thesis addresses the lifelong education of nurses and midwives. Introduced subject is presently very up-to-date, because it pays strong emphasis to standards of these professions within the European Union and the need to unify and improve their education. Changes are occurring in their qualification preparation as well as in postgraduate education.

The objective of the theoretical part is to characterize these changes and to present the principles of medical education changes according to the Law number 96/2004 Coll.

The empirical part of the thesis is focused on charting the attitude, knowledge, motivation and interest of nurses and midwives about this subject. Research, in which took part nurses and midwives from three hospitals in Karlovy Vary region, showed, that both occupations take lifelong education very seriously. Further results point out the misgivings about the financial and time requirements the new lifelong education system brings.