

Czech University Students' Perception of Alternative Medicine

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ABSTRACT In this study, it is aimed to describe pre-service teachers' perceptions of CAM (Complementary and Alternative Medicine). The gender, the age, the trust in doctor, the number of suffered diseases and the number of CAM techniques were determined as the variables in the study. The participants of the research were 315 students from the education faculty of an university in Czech Republic. A measuring device that the researchers developed by using two scales were used as the data collection device. According to the findings of the research, CAM perceptions were generally positive, that besides woman participants' perceptions were more positive comparing with man, and that perceptions of CAM grew in positive direction with the decrease in the trust in doctors. It was concluded that perceptions towards CAM grew in positive directions with the increase in the number of CAM and the number of suffered disease had no influence on perceptions of CAM.