Nurse tutors’ tales of transition: a clash of legitimation codes?

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Method and Sample

• Biographic Narrative Interpretive Method (BNIM) interview \textit{plus} semi structured interview

• 15 nursing academics from 8 Irish higher education institutions

• Transferred from hospital based schools to higher education sector between 2002 - 2006
Legitimation Code Theory (Maton, 2005)

- Autonomy
- Density
- Temporality
- Specialisation
- Semantics
Specialisation

Knowledge...

...by an author

Social relation (SR+/-)

...of the world

Epistemic relation (ER+/-)

Knower code (ER-, SR+)
Knowledge code (ER+, SR-)
Elite code (ER+, SR+)
Relativist code (ER-, SR-)
Specialisation

Knowledge

Elite

Relativist

Knower

Aspired to destination for nursing on entering academia

Starting point for nursing on entering academia
How do you build knowledge?

Starting point for nursing on entering academia

Aspired to destination for nursing

Knowledge

Elite

Relativist

Knower
Semantics: Internal relations

The triangle represents theory or knowledge structure

L1

SG-  SD+
SG+  SD-
Semantics: External relations
Nursing’s potential for knowledge building

Internal

Strengthening Verticality/L1

SD°
SG°

External

Strengthening Grammaticality /L2

SD°
SG°

SD+
SG−

SD−
SG+
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Conclusions