Abstract

Background: the environmental health area in the Provincial Center of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Microbiology from Camagüey is an important sector which contributes to ensuring the health of the population in different contexts. Objective: to identify from the total number of graduates in the specialty, how many of them were located in the environmental health area from the integration of both disciplines in our province and country. Method: a descriptive study was conducted taking into account the 102 graduates as specialists since 1978, date of arrival of the first professionals from the Hygiene Center to Havana, up to the year 2009. The research is divided into two stages, one covered until 1989, date in which concludes the differentiated training of hygienists and epidemiologists by separate and the other from the latter date where both specialties are integrated in a single academic figure which the authors of the article advocate, despite the difficulties encountered in this last stage. It explores the aspirations of the current residents of specialty once graduate. Results: as main finding was found from the second period just one professional of 59 graduates was located in the area of reference, the priority to primary health care services is very poor and most of the current residents would like to stay in the epidemiology area. Conclusions: the present project was redesign from the residents’ academic training on the part of the central level taking into account the five basic profiles of output, without maintaining the initial integration, could be the adequate answer to the current short-staffed in the environmental health area.

Keywords

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