

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AND THE PERFORMANCE OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS GRADUATES IN FOOD SERVICE, COMMUNITY, AND HOSPITAL PRACTICUM



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Abstract

This descriptive-correlational study aimed at determining the relationship between the level of difficulty encountered by BS Nutrition Dietetics graduates and their practicum performance in the different areas. Results of the study from thirty-four (34) program graduates showed that they encountered a high level of difficulty in the Hospital practicum but a low level of difficulty for both the Foodservice and Community practicum. Although the graduates encountered a high level of difficulty in Hospital practicum, their practicum performance ranged from Outstanding to Satisfactory. Results also showed that the graduates perform better in both Community and Foodservice practicum than in Hospital practicum. However, there was no significant relationship between the difficulties encountered by the graduates and their practicum performance. These findings implicate that the training of the BSND students should be strengthened by conducting pre-practicum hospital training and that the faculty of the program should have more laboratory activities that will enhance students' knowledge and skills in all aspects of hospital practicum.

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