

Jinjuta Hongpetngam 2009: Opinions of Administrators on Desirable and Observed Competencies of Physical Education Teachers in Schools under the Samut Songkhram Educational Service Area. Master of Arts (Physical Education), Major Field: Physical Education, Department of Physical Education. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Vibool Jalanant, Ed.D. 262 pages.

The purposes of this survey research were to investigate desirable and observed competencies of physical education teachers as perceived by administrators of schools under the Samut Songkhram Educational Service Area, and to compare those two groups of competencies. The population consisted of 96 principals and 96 health and physical education department heads for a total of 192 administrators of the schools.

The research instrument was a questionnaire constructed by the researcher, of which the content validity was 0.71–1.0, and the Cronbach alpha coefficients of reliability of both desirable and observed competencies were 0.98. The data were analyzed by using frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation and Z-test.

The findings revealed that the overall desirable competencies of physical education teachers were rated at very high level ($\mu = 3.69$, $\sigma = 0.35$), while the overall observed competencies were rated at the high level ($\mu=3.06$, $\sigma = 0.37$). The comparison between desirable and observed competencies showed statistical significant differences at the 0.05 level. The comparison of observed competencies between the principals and the health and physical education department heads also desirable competencies were not statistical significant different at the 0.05 level, while those of showed statistical significant differences at the 0.05 level.

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