

THESIS TITLE : A STUDY OF COMPETENCIES OF HEADS OF ACADEMIC  
DEPARTMENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNDER  
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#### ABSTRACT

The purposes of this investigation were to study and compare the actual and expected competencies of heads of academic department of the secondary schools as perceived by the administrators and teachers. The subjects were 92 administrators and 335 teachers. Data were collected by a developed questionnaires. The earned data were analyzed by a computer program to calculate percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, and t-test.

The heads of academic departments possessed high level of actual competencies on technical and affective domains, whereas the cognitive domain was at the "moderate level". The respondents expected high level of the heads of academic departments. The actual and expected competencies of the heads of academic departments were significantly different at the .001 level.