

Krachang Homkhao. 2002. *A Comparative Study of Opinions about Physical Education Profession of Physical Education Teachers in the Educational Opportunity-Expansion Schools and Secondary School under the Department of General Education, Nakorn Ratchasima Province.* Master of Education Thesis in Physical Education, Graduate School, Khon Kaen University. [ISBN 974-367-429-2]

Thesis Advisory Committee : Assoc. Prof. Pricha Klinrat,
Asst. Prof. Supachai Sawaengsut

Abstract

The purpose of the present research was to compare the opinions about physical education profession of physical education teachers in the educational opportunity-expansion schools under Nakorn Ratchasima Provincial Office of Primary Education and the secondary schools under the Department of General Education, Nakorn Ratchasima Province. The sample consisted of 387 physical education teachers in the educational opportunity-expansion schools and 426 physical education teachers in secondary schools under the Department of General Education, Nakorn Ratchasima Province. The instrument used for collecting data was a test on opinion about physical education profession. It was developed by the present researcher himself basing of Flexner and Lieberman's ideas for professional criteria and which Preecha Glinratana (2536) had reorganized to make them appropriate for physical education professional purposes. It covered three aspects of 1) the nature of work, 2) career advancement and 3) social recognition. The test was tested for reliability by applying Cronbach's alpha coefficient and found to have a reliability of 0.96. The collected data were analyzed by means of an SPSS Program for Windows version 9.0 for percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation and a t-test.

The findings:

1. The opinions of physical education teachers in the educational opportunity-expansion schools about physical education profession as a whole was at a "good" level ($\bar{X} = 4.11$). When each aspect was considered separately, it was found that the nature of work ($\bar{X} = 4.28$), social recognition ($\bar{X} = 4.23$) and career advancement ($\bar{X} = 3.83$), all were also at a "good" level.
2. The opinions of physical education teachers in the secondary schools under the Department of General Education, Nakorn Ratchasima Province, about physical education profession as a whole was at a "good" level ($\bar{X} = 4.29$). However, when each aspect was considered separately, it was found that the nature of work ($\bar{X} = 4.43$), social recognition ($\bar{X} = 4.37$) and career advancement ($\bar{X} = 4.05$), all were also at a "good" level.
3. The opinions of physical education teachers in the educational opportunity-expansion schools and those in the secondary schools under the Department of General Education, Nakorn Ratchasima Province about physical education profession, as a whole, were significantly different at the .001 level.

TE131240

3

4. The opinions about physical education profession of physical education teachers in the educational opportunity-expansion schools, with and without physical education qualifications, were significantly different at the .001 level.

5. The opinions about physical education profession of physical education teachers in the education opportunity-expansion schools and the secondary schools under the Department of General Education, Nakorn Ratchasima Province as a whole were significantly different at the .01 level.