

Title : KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF CAUSES AND PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION BY COLLEGE STUDENTS IN PHITSANULOK UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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The purposes of this study was to obtain the understanding of vocational students on drug addiction, the kind of drug and the drug effect and to compare understanding of drug addiction causes, and to compare how to avoid drug criminal.

Population were 6,782 students in vocational colleges under the jurisdiction of the Department of Vocational Education in Phitsanulok. Sample were drawn from each level of vocational certificate ; the higher and the lower.

Data were gained by questionnaires. The first part designed to evaluate understanding about drug addiction, the second part designed to evaluate approach to solve criminal exploitation.

Statistics used were percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, t-test independent type, and a chi-square test.

The results indicated that; in general, the Vocational Education Students understanding very well the type of drug from nature resource, and that drug addiction caused serious illness both physical and mental. Concerning how to solve drug addiction both group diff in their opinions. The comparison of student's attitude classified by level of education found no difference in their opinions.