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The purposes of this research were to study problems and needs regarding non-formal education of Buddhist nuns in the central region, to compare needs regarding non-formal education of Buddhist nuns in the central region by place of resident, age, period of nuns ordainance, and level of education. The instruments used in collecting data were; a 5 point scale questionnaire was constructed by the researcher; a sample of 406 nuns was used; and a structured interview form was used with a sample of 20 abbots and head of nuns.

The research findings were as follows:

The problems of Buddhist nuns were respectively; cost of registration in continuing education, no schools for Buddhist nuns only, and nonsuitable of schools time.

Non-formal education needs of Buddhist nuns were respectively general education, community development education, vocation education, and family education.

The result of the comparison of non-formal education needs when classified by place of resident, age, period of ordainance, and level of education, were significantly different at 0.01 in all the non-formal education areas except the area of period of ordainance.