

Abstract

The objectives of the research “Preparedness of Persons with Disabilities Who Have Been Given Vocational Rehabilitation for Labor Market” are to study a case study of the Redemptorist Vocational School for People with Disabilities, Pattaya and factors relating to the preparedness of disabled people for the labor market. The sample consists of 60 people with disabilities, using the questionnaire as a tool for study. The data are analyzed, using statistical tools of percentage, mean, and standard deviation, and testing the relation between variables using t-test and F-test, with a statistical significance of 0.05. The findings are summarized as follows:

There are more male than female persons with disabilities, mostly between 25 and 28 years of age, of single marital status, with upper secondary education, with disabilities found in the leg area and occurring after birth. With regard to vocational rehabilitation, it is found that the courses that people with disabilities take the most are computer and business management (English Program). On the desire to enter the labor market, it is found that people with disabilities want very much to get into the labor market. They most want employment agencies to increase employment opportunity. On the skills needed to enter the labor market, the people with disabilities are found to possess the skills at a moderate level. They have most practiced the skills in the use of equipment for work but still lack the experience from work study visit and actual work experience. With regard to the attitude toward entering the labor market, the people with disabilities are found to have a good attitude. They believe that despite their disabilities they could earn income to support themselves. On factors affecting the preparedness for labor market entry, it is found that younger people with disabilities have less desire to enter the labor market than their older counterparts and that those with arm disabilities have less work skills than those with leg disabilities and those with both arm and leg disabilities.

The study recommends that more efforts be made to promote people with disabilities to have experience from work study visit and have actual work experience

and to instill in younger people with disabilities an awareness of the benefits from employment. In addition, the State should increase its efforts to provide facilities for people with disabilities.