

Thesis Title A Synthesis of Master's Thesis in Population Education, Mahidol University During the Academic Year of 1976-1990 by Content Analysis and Meta-analysis Techniques.

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ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study were to analyze the characteristics of master's theses in Population Education, Mahidol University during the academic year of 1976-1990, by using content analysis and meta-analysis techniques. One hundred and thirty-six theses were investigated in this study. The major findings of the investigation were as follows:

1. The result of Content analysis

It was found that most theses were published in 1988 and 1990. They were mainly descriptive researches on students' knowledge, attitude, and behaviors towards population education and population issues. Knowledge on population education and population issues of the population or samples were at moderate level. Attitude and behaviours of them were positive.

2. The results of Meta-analysis

It was found that Population Education learning achievement of students taught by students centered methods, using instructional medias, teaching-learning packages were higher than students taught by teacher-centered methods. Population Education

learning achievement of the students positively correlated with their attitudes towards population education and population issues.

Researches on the evaluation of teaching methodologies and training programmes, evaluation of curriculum and materials development were recommended to be conducted. Apart from that, computer techniques for population education should also developed.