

Thesis Title Curriculum Construction on the Conservation and Improvement of the Rural Environment for Training of Community Development workers.

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ABSTRACT

Community Development Workers are the government officials who work closely with the rural people in the Environment Development Plan, one of Community Development Department's rural development plans. This thesis was therefore aimed to review the training needs and to design the curriculum for training of Community Development Workers on the conservation and improvement of rural environment.

In this study, questionnaires were used to survey the problems and needs of Community Development Workers on environment education by multi-stage sampling technique. The data from 500 samples were analysed by computer.

The results of the study are that Community Development Workers face various problems and difficulties in implementing both

their functional and expected roles in rural environment conservation. Most Community Development Workers want to be trained in almost all subjects of environment development. Specifically when taking rural environment problems into consideration, it is necessary to organized such training program for Community Development Workers.

The training curriculum for Community Development Workers was constructed and examined by three knowledgeable and experienced persons. The curriculum objectives are to increase basic knowledge on natural resource and environment conservation, to have skills in transferring environment education to the people, to have experience in analyzing environment problems and how to solve, and to be able to coordinate with officials from various agencies concerned.

There are 6 subjects in the curriculum, with 36 training hours uping lecture discussion and practice as main method, and organized by Community Development Department for both preservice and in-service training of Community Development Workers.