

Title: Profile of PNU College Freshmen, School Year 2007-2008
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Abstract:

It was the main objective of this profiling study to provide a description of the new batch of students who plan to enter the teaching profession, just like the past profiles undertaken in the Center for Research and Development in Education.

The data analyzed in this present profile were the Interview Sheets provided by the Office of Admissions. Only the following information contained in the Interview Sheets are included: Gender, Age, Civil Status, Type of Elementary and High Schools Graduated from, PNUAT score, number of children in the family, Birth Order in the Family, Languages/Dialects spoken at Home, Present Address, Provincial Address, Degree Applied for and Reasons for Enrolling at PNU. A total of 1366 Interview Sheets were processed by the researcher. Only those who passed the PNU Admission Test (PNUAT) and have complied with all the documents required for admission, filled up these information sheets when they submitted themselves for interview.

Summary of Findings:

The PNU Freshmen of School Year 2007-2008 were mostly female, aged 16 or 17, and single. They belong to families with two to four children. They graduated from public elementary and secondary schools. They reside in the National Capital Region, particularly in Quezon City, Manila and Caloocan City. In addition to the NCR, other big feeders of the University are Region 4A, particularly Cavite, and Region 3. Tagalog is the main dialect they use at home. English is the second most commonly used language by them.

Most of their mothers are either housewives, teachers or office employees, while their fathers are drivers, conductors, mechanics, service crew members or office employees. Both parents reached at least a college level of education, and they have a monthly income of P10,000 or less.

The respondents plan to take up Education, particularly Bachelor of Secondary Education (B.S.E.) or Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEEd). Their subject preferences include English, Mathematics and Biology.

They were attracted to PNU mostly because of the high quality and high standard education it offers, and its being the premier teacher training institution. The fact that it charges low and affordable tuition fee is an added attraction. Most of them see that PNU is the

only means by which they can obtain a college education if they only have to depend on the income of their parents.

The 2007 Freshmen got PNUAT scores ranging from 85, the lowest passing score, to 132, out of the highest possible score of 150. The overall mean of the scores was 97.02.

There is very little change in the profile of the present batch of first year college students of PNU from the past freshmen profiles.