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#### **ABSTRACT**

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This study specifically aimed to determine the perceived discrimination of persons with orthopedic impairment; the psychological well-being in terms of autonomy, environmental mastery, personal growth, positive relations with others, purpose in life and self-acceptance; the social competence in terms of empathy, nurturing friendship, communication and confidence; and significant relationship of perceived discrimination, psychological well-being, and social competence.

The study used descriptive correlational design. It was conducted in Tagaytay City. A total of 42 participants answered the three questionnaires that measured perceived discrimination, psychological well-being and social competence.

It was found out based on the results that persons with orthopedic impairment have low level of perceived discrimination. Likewise, they have high psychological well-being and social competence. Moreover, perceived discrimination has no significant relationship with psychological well-being and social competence.

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#### INTRODUCTION

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." - John Wooden

Every individual has their own abilities and capabilities. Other people can show their skills and talents, can play and can easily socialize with others and enjoy their lives, but some people who are not capable of doing such things due to physical difficulties are the orthopedically impaired persons. Orthopedic impairment is a severe orthopedic impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance (IDEA, 2004). The term includes impairments due to the effects of congenital anomaly (e.g., clubfoot, absence of some member, etc.), impairments due to the effects of disease (e.g., poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis, etc.), and impairments from other causes (e.g., cerebral