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## ABSTRACT

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The abuse of drugs is still a world-wide concern wherein people are putting their health at risk. It is alarming that most of these people are students, despite the fact that they are involved in school matters that can help them grow and avoid unacceptable norms. Drug abuse persists as people have low awareness as they remain apathetic and uneducated towards this social problem, thus leading to misconceptions about the usefulness of dangerous and illegal drugs in their mind and body. Because of this, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) organized an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) with one of its program titled "Substance Abuse Prevention Education" (SAPE) conducted in Ateneo de Davao University whereby it informs and educates students about dangers of illegal drugs and our country's drug situation in order to achieve the drug use and abuse prevention and suppression. The current study determined the level of awareness of Cavite State University – main campus students towards drug abuse and education in terms of types and effects of dangerous drugs and legal mandates. Experimental research design, specifically the Pretest-Posttest design under Quantitative research method was utilized. A total of 128 currently enrolled students from different departments were involved which was selected through Convenience Sampling. The students were divided into two groups, Experimental and Controlled, wherein each was consisted of 64 students with different phases of participation according to group. Pre-test and Post-test via Google Forms were used as the primary data collection tool. Students in the Experimental group completed pre- and post-tests as well as participated in the study's Drug Abuse Education Program, while students in the Controlled group only completed the pre- and post-tests. The study revealed that

students have a moderate awareness in the types and effects of drugs while being highly aware of legal mandates base on the results of their pre-test. On the other hand, the results of their post-test show an improvement in their level of awareness as they became highly aware in all categories, demonstrating that any measures and programs can be a factor in raising the students' awareness.

**Keywords:** *Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Information and Education Campaign, Substance Abuse Prevention Education, Awareness on drug abuse and education, Pretest-Posttest design, Experimental and Controlled groups, Drug Abuse Education Program*

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## INTRODUCTION

Drugs are well-known chemicals and substances worldwide due to their ability to affect people whether for medicinal purposes, activating the body for labor or daily routine, and to satisfy pleasures. Unfortunately, dangerous or illegal drugs are nevertheless prevalent from time to time thus, drug addiction, drug abuse, drug dependency, and even drug-related crime arise.

In the Philippines, drug use and abuse is a social and health issue (Davis, 2021), no one can deny this fact as the media continues to report drug-related incidents daily. According to the Region 4-A Police Regional Office (2021), statistics revealed that there are 67, 668 people arrested in the Philippines for illegal drugs in 2021, with the biggest number of arrests occurring in Region 4-A (CALABARZON) with a total of 19, 471 people. From January to December 2021, there are 41.5 thousand reported cases involving illegal drugs in the country, with CALABARZON leading the way for having a total of 12, 432 cases (Statista Research Department, 2021). Two of such cases were happened in the locality of Imus and Bacoor, Cavite wherein about Php1.58 billion worth of "*shabu*" (crystal meth) was confiscated and a top-level drug personality linked to multibillion-peso drug operations in Zambales and