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#### **ABSTRACT**

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This study was conducted to determine the factors affecting the career choice of senior high school students of Tagaytay-Mendez Academy and Constancio E. Aure Sr. National High School in Mendez, Cavite.

It aimed to (a) describe the demographic profile of the respondents in terms of age, gender, educational attainment and occupation of parents, and estimated monthly income of the family; (b) find out the career choices of the respondents when grouped according to Arts and Communication; Business, Management, Marketing and Technology; Engineering, Manufacturing and Industrial Technology; Health Sciences; Human Services; and Natural Resources and Agriscience; (c) determine the level of influence on the career choices of the respondents including family influence, social influence, and personal influence; (d) determine the significant difference in the career choices of senior high school students of private and public school; (e) find out the significant difference on the level of influence on the career choices of the respondents, and; (f) identify the significant relationship of demographic profile to the career choices of the respondents.

This study was conducted from October 2006 to December 2006, which focused mainly on the influential factors affecting the career choices of senior high school

students of Tagaytay-Mendez Academy and Constancio E. Aure Sr. National High School in Mendez, Cavite.

The total population or 80 senior students of Tagaytay-Mendez Academy were the respondents; and out of 200 senior students, 133 were chosen from each section of Constancio E. Aure Sr. National High School.

The developed questionnaire was validated and used to determine the influence of the factors on the career choices of the respondents which includes the Personal Data Sheet (PDS) and Factors Affecting Career Choice Inventory (FACCI).

Results revealed that the factors identified affect the career choices of the senior high school students of the private and public school. The career choices of the students were not significantly different considering that personal factor is the most influential among other factors. Gender and family income greatly affect the students' career choice.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Every individual has his own dreams and goals in life. Everyone wants to be successful and be contented in the future. Learning from the school is a formal way to gain knowledge that could help an individual to make his or her future better and to make his or her vision a reality. Before it could happen, one should work hard and persevere to achieve this aim.

The quest for one's future will start after high school graduation. The dilemma of choosing a career will build on students' mind that will pursue college studies. People who are concerned may ask questions such as: "What do you intend to be in the future? Are you sure you want to pursue it? Where do you want to study?" These questions may be answered considering the different factors surrounding the individual and the situation he or she is into