

THE LEVEL OF INFLUENCE OF PERSONAL AND OTHER FACTORS ON CAREER
DECISION AMONG BSCA STUDENTS

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Abstract

This descriptive research focused on the level of influence of personal and other factors on career decision among BSCA students at John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Molo Inc., Academic Year 2010-2011. Sources of data were the randomly selected fifty (50) BSCA students of John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University- Molo, Inc. during the second semester of Academic Year 2010-2011. Proportionate random sampling was used. Means and standard deviations were the descriptive statistics used and t-test and One Way Analysis of Variance were the inferential statistics employed. Results of the study revealed that the level of influence of personal factors on the career decisions of BSCA students when taken as an entire group and when classified according to certain variables is "average". The level of influence of other factors on the career decisions of BSCA students when taken as an entire group is generally "low". Although generally of the students indicated "low" on the level of influence of other factors, it was revealed that when they were classified as to

year level, the first year students have "average" level of influence of other factors ($M=1.62$; $SD=0.48$) while the second year ($M=1.48$; $SD=0.33$), third year ($M=1.24$; $SD=0.33$), and the fourth year students ($M=1.22$; $SD=0.80$) have "low" level of influence of other factors on career decision. As to their place of residence, students coming from urban areas have "low" level of influence of other factors on career decision making ($M=1.25$; $SD=0.63$) while those coming from rural areas ($M=1.55$; $SD=0.51$) have "average" level of influence of other factors. When group according to grade point average, students having average of below 80% have "average" level of influence of other factors on career decision making ($M=1.69$; $SD=0.36$), while those students having average between 80%-84.99% ($M=1.50$; $SD=0.57$), and those students having average of above 85% ($M=1.22$; $SD=0.62$) have "low" level of influence of other factors of career decision making.

It was also revealed by the study that there is no significant difference in the level of influence of personal factors on career decisions of BSCA students when taken as an entire group and when classified according to certain variables. There is no significant differences existed in the level of influence of other factors on career decisions of BSCA students when taken as an entire group and when classified according to certain variables.