



Is Average Score of Diploma Appropriate Selection Criteria for Student Selection of Universities? Based on Descriptive Study in Yasuj, Iran

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Background: An important aspect of educational management is student selection. Nowadays, based on the policy of Iranian education assessment organization, the average score of diploma is a criterion. According to this policy and with respect to various opinions of experts and controversy regard appropriation of this selection criteria, this study was aimed to compare the average score of diploma and the rank in national entrance exam of Paramedicine students at Yasuj University of Medical Sciences, Yasuj, IRAN since 2010 till 2012.

Material and Method: In this cross-sectional descriptive study, the average score of diploma of 158 Paramedicine students at Yasuj University of Medical Sciences and their rank in national entrance exam was compared by the SPSS version 19 statistical software.

Results: Findings showed that the average score of diploma of students is 16.29 ± 1.84 whereas their mean rank in national entrance exam is 5565 ± 4171 . There were negative correlation between above factors according to Pearson correlation coefficient ($r = -0.462$, $p = 0.01$).

Conclusions: Concerning the results, it may conclude that the average score of diploma is not appropriate selection criteria for student selection of universities. Therefore, the investigators suggest that the educational policy men should be attending this in future plan.