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Instructional Behavior, Innovative Teaching Practices, Work Engagement, and Self-Efficacy of Physical Education Teachers

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ABSTRACT: The study determined the instructional behaviour, innovative teaching practices, work engagement, and self-efficacy of Physical Education teachers in private Higher Education Institutions in SOCCSARGEN in facilitating Rhythmic Activities. It also determined the significant relationship of the dependent variables towards the self-efficacy of Physical Education teachers in facilitating Rhythmic Activities. This study employed a descriptive correlation analysis method with qualitative data to describe the variables and the relationships that occur naturally between and among them. The data were gathered through a survey questionnaire and administered to 100 PE teachers who are teaching Rhythmic Activities. The data gathered were analyzed through weighted mean and Pearson r correlation. An interview was also conducted by the researcher to further investigate the underlying problem and to confirm and intensify the findings of the study. The results of the study revealed that generally, the instructional behaviour, innovative teaching practices, work engagement, and self-efficacy of Physical Education teachers were high in extent. However, there were specific areas that were found to be weak and need improvement. The findings of the study also revealed that there was a very high positive significant relationship between the dependent variables towards self-efficacy. Meanwhile, in terms of the significant difference in the extent of self-efficacy across the profile of the respondents, the result reveals that there are no differences or there are no fine distinctions when it comes to their self-efficacy in facilitating rhythmic activities. Given the overall results, the study had recommended that a professional training program which was formulated based on the findings of the study.

KEYWORDS: Instructional Behavior, Innovative Teaching Practices, Work Engagement, Self-Efficacy

I. INTRODUCTION

Physical education is distinct from general knowledge studies, focusing on physical activity. Mainly teaching rhythmic activities can be challenging because of the unique "classroom" management situations that often arise from the dynamic nature of the content. Dance and movement to music are employed in Physical Education (PE) for various reasons: to stay in shape, express feelings and moods, and learn about many cultural heritage types. Dance can help students improve their psychomotor skills and sense of self-expression, aesthetics, and sentiments expressed through movement (Gibbs, Quennerstedt, & Larsson, 2017). However, teaching dance to students in physical education requires a great deal of preparatory work, even more so if teachers are insecure about their dancing abilities. Physical education sessions necessitate preparation, operation, and practice of skills to work correctly.

A study was conducted in Sweden to determine how many countries deal with dance. In the study undertaken by Lundvall and Meckbach (2008), as cited by Gibbs, Quennerstedt, and Larsson (2017), it was found that many Physical Education teachers think their capacity to teach dance is restricted. They are unsure about their competency in dance and ability to genuinely teach the subject, which also resonates with other researchers' conclusions about teaching dance in general. Simply put, many PE teachers devote little time to dancing because they cannot dance themselves, so their teaching is pedagogically constrained. Though many teachers use innovative and unique methods to teach dance, like the use of digital technologies, teaching dance, on the other hand, is frequently associated with dance skills rather than pedagogy and creative teaching (Lundvall and Meckbach, 2008, as cited by Gibbs, Quennerstedt, & Larsson, 2017). The value of digital instructional resources is not dependent on technology. Instead, integrating technology puts a lot of pressure on the instructor to design how teachers use games in the classroom. In addition, research in New Zealand, according to Renner and Pratt (2017), has focused on a broader measure of confidence among teachers, which reported low to medium confidence in teaching dance, consistent with the Australian

findings (e.g., Beals et al., 2003). Teachers' confidence in their ability to devote constant or in-depth attention to dance is influenced by their perceived competence in teaching dance, a lack of resources, the expansion of the school curriculum, and timelines that left little time for preparation (Ashley, 2010; Beals et al., 2003; Buck, 2003; Cadzow, 2008; Snook, 2012).

The world is still suffering from a disastrous scenario caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the abrupt shift in class delivery from face-to-face to online has even made it more challenging for instructors to adapt their conventional pedagogies. Online physical education classes were a new experience for teachers and students. The sudden shift to online classes left teachers unprepared and struggling with unfamiliar teaching methods, forcing them to resort to trial-and-error approaches. Inadequate online teaching strategies and low teacher and student readiness for online classes made the transition difficult. It became evident that teaching, which shifted from face-to-face to virtual communication in a matter of hours, was a circumstance for which teachers were unprepared (Varea, Gonzales, & Garcia, 2020). Due to a lack of training, teachers lacked skills in remote PE education and resorted to "trial-and-error" tactics (Jeong & So, 2020).

In fact, in a survey of Physical Education instructors in Manila public schools conducted by Aguinaldo (2021), unreliable internet connections, a lack of room and equipment, limited student participation, and difficulty correcting students' execution were among the challenges they faced in online sessions. Due to the subject's particular nature: the importance of completing physical actions, restricted area, time, and training, among other things (Villalba & González, 2016), the epidemic posed significant obstacles for teachers. Online lessons have become a substantial disadvantage due to students' limited transfer of skills and knowledge. Students did not learn motor skills in the same study as Daum and Buschner, and their involvement in class was little. As a result, online practical programs are challenging to teach and learn for both instructors and students (Yu & Jee 2017).

Understanding the initial experiences of teachers in moving to a remote learning environment and identifying the challenges and facilitators to successful remote instruction is needed to help teachers and other PE professionals with their needs and design. Moreover, compelling learning experiences, despite the pandemic, still present a unique situation, depleting creative ideas and fantastic learning possibilities among administrators, teachers, and students (Centeio, Mercier, Garn, Erwin, Marttinen, & Foley, 2021).

In an initial interview conducted by the researcher among selected PE teachers in General Santos City, the following factors affecting one's self-efficacy were identified: feeling of ineffectiveness due to distance education and overloaded work that hampered the time for training (E. Villaganas, personal communication, December 8, 2021), reduced physical activities and short training programs due to COVID-19 and lack of drive and enthusiasm in learning new dances pandemic (N. Barsatan, personal communication, November 27, 2021), weight gain which resulted to difficulty in performing specific skills (A. Cunanan, personal communication, February 10, 2022), and low confidence due to lack of expertise in teaching dance and experience in the field of teaching (S. Trumpet, personal communication, February 10, 2022). Considering the skill-based nature of PE and the education shift, Physical Education teachers must spend time and effort on skill demonstrations and evaluations to facilitate students in rhythmic activities.

The main aim of this study was to determine the self-efficacy of Physical Education teachers among private Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in South Cotabato, Cotabato Province, Sarangani, and General Santos City (SOCCSARGEN). By letting the teachers assess how they think of themselves, the researcher would like to come up with a professional training program for teachers facilitating rhythmic activities to improve and create more comprehensive ideas in developing efficient and effective PE instruction and which could also serve as an excuse to weave an innovative educational model.

Table 1. Profile of The	Respondents		
I	ndicators	Frequency	Percent
A	Age		
	20-25	51	51
	26-30	26	26
	31-35	11	11
	36-40	3	3
	41-45	4	4
	46-50	3	3
	51-55	1	1
	56-60	1	1
	TOTAL	100	100

II. TABLE

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Sex					
Male	38	38			
Female	62	62			
TOTAL	100	100			
Educational Attainment					
BSED MAPEH/B	PED 48	48			
MAED-PE Level	29	29			
Non-MAED-PE	Level 10	10			
MAED-PE Grad	uate 6	6			
Non-MAED-PE					
Graduate	4	4			
PhD/EdD-PE Le	vel 3	3			
TOTAL	100	100			
Number of Years in Teaching					
Less than 5	62	62			
5-10	26	26			
11-15	5	5			
16-20	2	2			
21-25	3	3			
26 and above	2	2			
TOTAL	100	100			

Table 2. Instructional Behaviour of the Respondents

Indicators	Mean	Interpretation
Clarity of instructions	4.32	High in Extent
Classroom Management	4.43	High in Extent
Teacher Control in Learning Activities	4.37	High in Extent
Interpersonal Behavior	4.39	High in Extent
Overall Mean	4.38	High in Extent

Table 3. Innovative Teaching Practices of the Respondents

Indicators	Mean	Interpretation
Concepts of Rhythmic Activities	4.36	High in Extent
Nature and Background of the Rhythmic	1 20	
Activities	4.55	High in Extent
Dance Terminologies	4.42	High in Extent
Dance Genre	4.43	High in Extent
Overall Mean	4.40	High in Extent

Table 4. Work Engagement of the Respondents

Indicators	Mean	Interpretation	
Productivity	4.33	High in Extent	
Commitment	4.53	Very High in Extent	
Concentration	4.47	High in Extent	
Overall Mean	4.44	High in Extent	

Table 5. Self-Efficacy of the Respondents

Indicators		Interpretation
Playful Experience		High in Extent
Dance Appreciation		High in Extent
Developing Connections	4.36	High in Extent
Creative Exploration	4.29	High in Extent
Skill Refinement	4.27	High in Extent
Dance Performance	4.45	High in Extent
Overall Mean		High in Extent

Table 6. Summary Table For The Test For Significant Relationship

х	у Г	Measure of	r	Interpretation	Significance
	(Correlation			at 5%
Instructional	Self-	Pearson r	0.83	Very High Positive	Significant
Behavior	Efficacy			Relationship	
Innovative	Self-	Pearson r	0.90	Very High Positive	Significant
Teaching	Efficacy			Relationship	
Practices					
Work	Self-	Pearson r	0.82	Very High Positive	Significant
Engagement	Efficacy			Relationship	

Table 7. Summary Table for the test/s for significant difference

Variables	Groupings	Statistical Test	Sig	Decision
	Age	One-Way ANOVA	0.95	No Significant
				Difference
	Sex	One-Way ANOVA	0.88	No Significant
Self-Efficacy				Difference
	Educational	One-Way ANOVA	0.57	No Significant
	Attainment			Difference
	Number of	One-Way ANOVA	0.97	No Significant
	Years in			Difference
	reaching			

V. CONCLUSIONS

1. The Profile of the Respondents

There are 100 respondents in the study. The age group between 20-25 has the highest frequency of 26 and the least frequency belonged to the age bracket of 51 -55 and 56-60 which both had a frequency of 1. There were 62 females which accounted for 62% while only 38 or 38% are males. Most of them are BSED MAPEH/BPED graduates equivalent to 48% while the least is with Ph.D./EdD-PE Level with only three (3) respondents. It also shows that most of the respondents have less than five (5) years of teaching experience which is equivalent to 62%, and both 16-20 and 26 and above years with only two (2) or 2% of the population.

2. The extent of Instructional Behavior

The extent of Instructional Behavior Teachers' clarity of instruction, classroom management, teachers' control in learning activities, and interpretent behavior all got a mean interpreted as High in Extent. However, among the indicators, these were

the areas found to have the lowest means supported by the data gathered from the teachers during the interview: giving students strategies on how to do the work in the class, making sure that tasks and activities are organized and scheduled on time, initiating and filling in students' learning activities, allowing students to operate freely and independently and completing learning activities by their own initiative, and allotting time for the teacher-student conference.

3. The extent of Innovative Teaching Practices

Teachers' innovative teaching practices in terms of concept, nature and background, dance terminologies, and dance genres are generally High in Extent. However, among the indicators, these were the areas that were found to be weak based on the data gathered from the survey and interview: using game-based learning platforms such as Quizizz, WordWall, and Kahoot as a tool for assessment, designing an engaging flipped classroom to enrich learning, cultivating students' skills through dance composition and interpretation, cultivating students' skills through dance composition and interpretation, and demonstration of the skills to clearly see the correct execution of the dance steps.

4. The extent of Work Engagement

Teachers' productivity, commitment, and concentration are generally High in Extent. All the indicators got a mean labelled also as High in Extent and were proven true during the interview. This only implies that the teachers have a high efficiency to produce outputs, have the dedication to providing an effective learning environment, and have a high level of good behavior, work ethics, and willingness to help to produce a high quality of work.

5. The extent of Self-Efficacy of PE Teachers

In self-efficacy, the overall mean is 4.36, described as High in Extent. Among all the indicators, these were the weak areas in the teachers' self-efficacy based on the quantitative and qualitative data gathered by the researcher: using isolated rhythmic activities and games (drumming, stomping, self-guided rhythm games), challenging students to use the same dance moves to a variety of different songs, teaching students the dance vocabulary to create or perform a dance, conducting a teacher or peer-review to refine what is important to allow for the physical integration of skills, mounting a final practicum activity for students to perform their dance with, demonstrating and performing the skills or dance steps that students will follow. Overall, the participants rate their self-efficacy from low to moderate in terms of teaching Rhythmic Activities due to problems like limited knowledge of the skills of various dances and basically the lack of skills to perform them.

6. Relationship Among the Variables

Using Pearson r, the result of the instructional behavior, innovative teaching practices, and work engagement towards selfefficacy denotes a very high positive correlation. It, therefore, means that the three independent variables influence the selfefficacy of Physical Education Teachers in facilitating Rhythmic Activities. This relationship revealed that the more extensive the instructional behavior, innovative teaching practices, and work engagement will result in higher self-efficacy.

7. The difference in Self-Efficacy Across their Demographic Profile

In the significant difference in the self-efficacy of the respondents across sex, age, educational attainment, and the number of years in teaching using the One-Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), it was found that there is no significant difference between the profile and the self-efficacy of PE teachers. It only shows that the participants share the same experiences or there is no fine distinction in teaching the subject matter regardless of their profile or background.

8. A Professional Training Program

The professional training program was aligned with the results on the extent of instructional behavior, innovative teaching practices, work engagement, and self-efficacy of Physical Education (PE) teachers in facilitating Rhythmic Activities to enhance the teachers' expertise on the subject matter as well as their instructional strategies and methods. All in all, there are eleven (11) concerns that the program intends to address. This program consists of a training program and a matrix designed to address the factors affecting the facilitating skills of Physical Education (PE) teachers. The program presented the goals, baseline data, objectives, strategies, success indicators, time frame, budget, and mode of evaluation. This also includes procedures, activities, and projects created to increase teachers' professional expertise, instructional techniques, and teaching attitudes in order to enhance students' learning. The main goal of these workshops is to keep instructors current in their field.

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