



Factors Influencing Choice of Career Pathways among Adolescents

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Abstract

One of many essential decisions students will make in defining Career choice is one of their potential aims. They will be impacted by this action in the long term. Because it affects the patterns of a personality and life attitude of an individual. Career plays a crucial and fundamental role in their lifestyles. The study's goal was to determine the factors that influence the adolescents in selecting career pathways and a choice among the available career options. In present study revealed that there are three categories of factors influencing choice of career pathways score. The majority of score (41.3%) belongs to average factors influencing choice of career pathways (67-99), (35.0%) belongs to the good factors influencing choice of career pathways (100-132) and lastly (23.8%) belongs to the poor factors influencing choice of career pathways (0-66).

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1. Introduction

A student's career pathway is the result of the interaction of psychological, sociological, economic, physical, and random factors that define the sequence of jobs, vocations, or careers that they may pursue throughout their lives. It entails a student's previous, current, and future employment roles. It is intertwined with a student's home life, self-concept, and all aspects of the student's social and cultural surroundings.

A student's career choice is an essential moment in their life. It influences a number of decisions he or she makes based on their career choices. The subject, university, institution, and job profile one picks are all influenced by the career path one takes. Even following graduation, it is not uncommon to meet pupils who are undecided about their future careers choice.

2. Material and Methods

The study's goal was to determine the factors that influence the adolescents in selecting career pathways and a choice among the available career options. A quantitative research approach with descriptive Research Design was used in this study to assess the factors influencing choice of career pathway. The setting of this study was Rajendra's academy of Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. In this study sample were 80 adolescents of Rajendra's academy of Moradabad. Stratified Random Sampling Technique was used to select the participants. Data was collected by using interview method with using following tools, Factor influencing assessment Performa and Demographic Performa.

3. Result

Section A: Descriptive Statistics Data

This section had interpretate into descriptive analysis and for this descriptive statistics data Mean was 84.29, Median was 88, S.D was 26.96, Maximum was 132, minimum was 132, Range132, and Mean% was 63.85 of FICCP score.

Section B: Assessment of Factors Influencing Choice of Career Pathways among Adolescents

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Parents have a significant impact on their children's professional choices. When compared to the father, the mother (47.3%) and siblings (51%) have a greater influence on children's professional choices (46 %). The careers of the mother (59%) and father (51.3%) were also seen as influencing their children's career choices.

Mentoring (80%) and inviting professional experts to speak at school (65%) were cited by career counselling teachers as factors affecting the career choices of students. Teachers of career counselling discovered that school policies (50%) influence students' career choices. Female role models (38.9%) were regarded as more influential than male role models (31.5%). For students, peer career advice (70 %) and encouragement (70%) were critical.

Parental education is important on their children's professional choices. Parents' occupations influenced their children's career choices. The school has a big influence on students' job choices. The study also discovered that career advice from peers is useful.

Section C: Association between Levels of Factors Influencing Choice of Career Pathways with Selected Demographic Variables

The statistical significance of score levels and other demographic variables is minimal. The computed chi-square values were smaller than the table value at the 0.05 level of significance. Age, gender, family income, father education level, mother education level, father employment, and I am interested in opting are among the eight demographic characteristics that are not significant.

4. Conclusion

The study's objective was to identify characteristics that influence adolescents' profession choices in Moradabad schools. According to the findings of the study, the family has a considerable role in shaping the profession choices of pupils. Parental education and careers, as well as parental support and counsel, are important factors in students' professional choices.

It might also be argued that schools have a significant impact on students' profession choices. Pupils' job choices are influenced by subject pupils, career guidance, career guidance teachers, class teachers study at school, and the school's location. It can also be deduced that gender has no bearing on students' profession choices. The survey found that pupils, both male and female are equally interested in the same vocations and are equally skilled in the subjects they study at school. Male and female role models have an impact on pupils' professional choices.

The survey also found that peers play an important effect in students' profession choices. According to the study, peer guidance and encouragement play a vital role in students' career decisions.

Limitations of the Study:

- The study was limited to adolescents only.
- The observation time was relatively short.

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