

ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE PANDEMIC ON COUNSELLORS' SERVICES DELIVERY IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS OF NASARAWA STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract

Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic has changed the day-to-day lives of many parents, counsellors' services delivery and caregivers. These individuals have been forced to make adjustments in major areas of life, including child care, schooling for children, work dynamics and social supports. These changes create deeper concerns and uncertainties for many people, it is also important to note that people everywhere are experiencing the loss of their pre-pandemic normalcy. As a result of this, this study assessed the effect of corona virus disease pandemic on counsellors' services delivery in tertiary institutions of Nasarawa State, Nigeria. The study employed non-equivalent group pre-test-post-test quasi experimental design. The population of the study consisted 28 counselors with 4 tertiary institutions that offered guidance counselling as a course. Multistage simple random sampling technique was used to select the whole 26 counsellors in 26 tertiary institutions. Structure response questionnaire titled; COVID-19 and Counsellors Services Delivery (COVID-19 CSD) was used as an instrument for data collection. The instrument was validated by experts and reliability index of 0.78 was obtained using Cronbach's alpha. Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) was used to analysis the data that was collected. Findings from the study showed that COVID-19 pandemic has negative effect on counsellors' services delivery. It was recommended among others that school management and government should organize conferences, seminars and workshops so that it would boost the counsellors' services delivery.

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