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**STUDENTS' DROPOUT RATES AND CAUSES**

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**ABSTRACT**

This study determined the students' dropout rates, and identified the profile of the dropout students in terms of degree, year level, gender, religion, nationality and civil status. The data were taken from the change of program forms accomplished by the 153 college students who dropped out from a university. The results revealed that 19 students dropped out from the College of Nursing, 12 from the BSBA Business Management, 11 from AB English and BS Accountancy and ten from the BS in Medical Laboratory. The majority of the dropouts are first year college students, followed by the second year college students and the new freshmen. Out of 153 dropouts, 80 were male, and 73 were female. SDA religion has the largest number of 101 dropouts, the Roman Catholics with 28 dropouts and 12 dropouts with no religion. Seventy-nine (79) Filipinos dropped out of school, followed by the Koreans with 40 dropouts, and Papua New Guineans with 13 dropouts. One hundred forty-nine (149) single students and four married students. The 1st Sem 2013-2014 (June-October) ranks no. 1 with the biggest number of 25(.63%) dropouts. Followed by the 1st Sem 2015-2016 (August-December) with 17 (.43%) dropouts, the 3rd in rank is 1st Sem 2010-2011 (June-October) with 13 (.36%) dropouts. The top five reasons for dropping out were identified: transferred to another school ranks no. 1 with the highest number of dropouts, go back home ranks no. 2, family problem ranks no. 3, health problems ranks no. 4 and personal problem ranks no. 5.

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