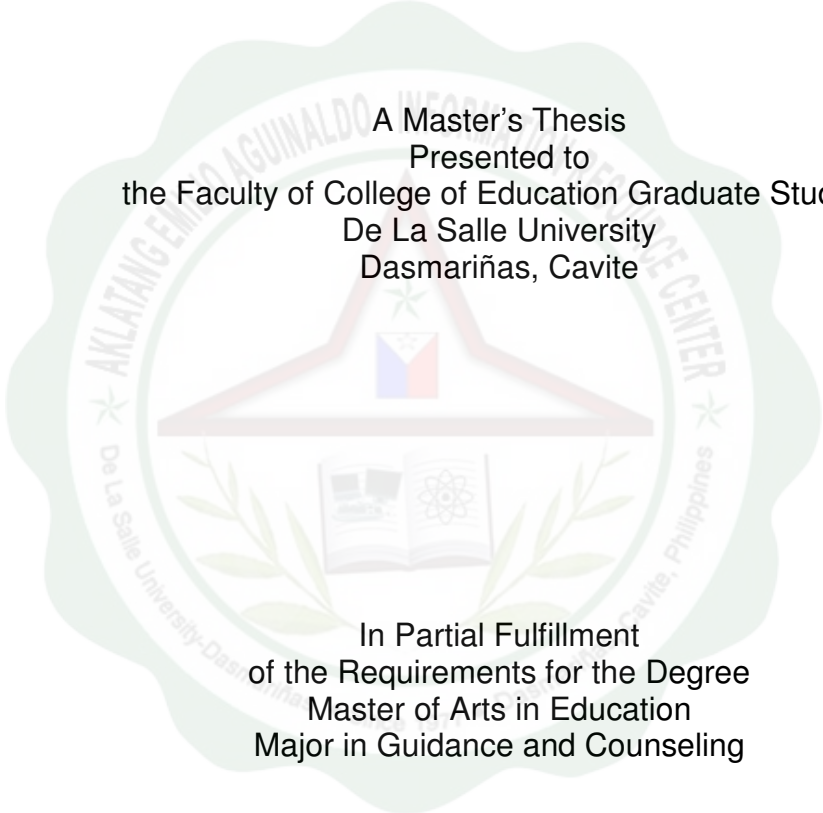


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## ABSTRACT

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This is a descriptive study that seeks to determine the relationship of domestic violence on social competence. The conceptual framework evolved from the independent variables that include the profile of the respondents as to age, annual income and educational attainment. This study utilized the descriptive method to be able to test its hypotheses and to answer questions concerning the current status of the subjects in the study. A questionnaire was developed in order to find out the types of domestic violence experienced by the respondents and standardized test was administered to find out the level of their social competence.

The main sources of data came primarily from the responses of a total of 100 married women from Bulihan, Silang, Cavite in selective phases from 1-5.

The findings revealed that among the types of domestic violence, the psychological abuse is the dominating experienced of the respondents. Age has significant difference with domestic violence. However, annual income and educational attainment have no significant difference with domestic violence. The relationship of social competence to demographic profile, revealed age has significant difference while annual income and educational attainment have no significant difference to social competence. It was revealed that the types of domestic violence namely physical, economic, sexual and psychological abuse have significant difference to the social competence of the respondents.

The study concluded that violence may occur among women in all ages, any kinds of relationships, in rural areas regardless of social group, religion, education, sexual orientation and economic strata.

In this study, it was shown that psychological abuse was the most common abuse the respondents experienced. Victims of domestic violence suffered from physical health deterioration, lost their dignity and freedom of self-determination. Moreover, domestic violence has significant effect on the social competence of the individual. It brings damages to individual's interpersonal skills in dealing with her environment especially on social competence.

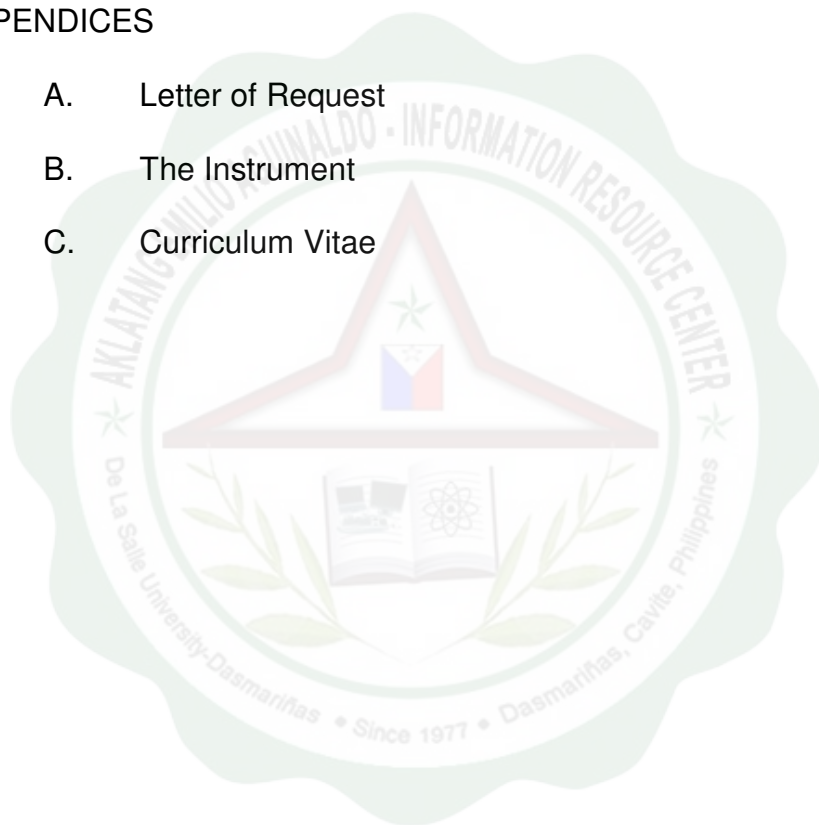
This present study thereby recommends that (1) the Barangay Social Workers in coordination with the Barangay Officials would provide livelihood programs / seminars that will help boost the respondents moral that would include empowerment of the individuals in terms of skill and rights, (2) the Barangay Social Worker could conduct preventive seminars / awareness programs within the community about domestic violence so that women would be enlightened on proper handling of such issues and they would be aware of the presence of government and NGO's that is ready to assist in their concerns. (3) the Barangay Captain and his officials should be vigilant and conduct roving around their areas so that they would be aware of the actual situation of the victims, and (4) the future researchers can make a further study on this issue and be focusing on the causes and factors of domestic violence in order to create effective enrichment and livelihood program.

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