Title of Article: A Comparative Perception of Counsellor Characteristics by Practicum Students in a University Setting.

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Abstract:

The paper identified the counsellor characteristics already learnt and those considered to be ideal, by practicum students in training. The findings indicated the most frequently listed skills were in the client centered theory of counselling. Subjects indicated friendliness, neatness, tolerance and patience as ideal characteristics of a counselor. More of the female subjects mentioned friendliness, neatness, tolerance, patience, confidentiality and interest as part of ideal characteristic of counsellor compared to the male counterparts. There was also significant difference between undergraduate and graduate students in the perceived ideal characteristics of a counsellor.