

**Revisiting the Philippine Normal University Admission Test (PNUAT):
Basis for Procedural Enhancement and Test Item Revision**

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ABSTRACT

Taking an entrance examination to qualify for enrollment in a college/university can be a formidable yet exciting experience for student applicants. The result ascertains one's course choice and solidifies life's direction. The examination is worth reviewing every so often.

Mindful of maintaining quality public service as a state university, this research aimed to evaluate the administration of the PNU Admission Test (PNUAT) from the viewpoint of the faculty proctors and of the examinees who are now college freshman students for SY 2010-2011. Moreover, this study recalculated the test items reliability, difficulty and discrimination indices, and discrimination coefficients. Simple frequency and percentage were utilized in organizing the survey data. For the analysis of the PNUAT items, the descriptive archival method was adopted.

The faculty proctors found the PNUAT procedures smooth and orderly. They were rated very highly by the majority of the examinee-respondents as prompt, systematic and thorough. The testing materials, test venue and schedule, and the release of test results were also positively rated by the examinee-respondents.

This study likewise reconfirmed that the PNUAT is a reliable instrument. Its discrimination coefficient is "good". However, the average discrimination index suggested that most items should be revised.

Recommendations from the study included, among others, the necessity of uniform testing procedure policies, the sustenance of the healthy collaboration among concerned university officials, faculty and administrative support staff by retaining the usual orientation program prior to testing dates and the introduction of an evaluation scheme after the testing date. With respect to the findings regarding discrimination powers of the test items, a review and subsequent revision of the PNUAT components are in order.