



Behavior and Gender with the MMPI-A

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Intellectual
Achievement
and Research

SUMMARY

During my senior year of my undergraduate studies, I began working on my Honors thesis under the direction of Dr. Augustine Osman.

For my research, I am seeking to examine behavioral issues between male and female students in school; to do this, the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory for Adolescents (MMPI-A) is my assessment of choice.

The MMPI-A aids clinicians in assessing a range of specific psychological disorders, personal, social, and behavioral concerns for individuals between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. This study uses archival data and provides detailed descriptive information about the clinical and content scale profiles for a sample of adolescent psychiatric inpatients. T-scores will be used to interpret profile descriptions and assess the behaviors potentially resulting in lower school performance.



SPICES

This thesis embodies the Intellectual Achievement and Research category. I am producing new insight and knowledge in a necessary research area.

HERBS

My research embodies the Honorable, Benevolent, and Supportive HERBS. As a researcher, I must respect previous research and findings. I must be mindful of citations and not plagiarize.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

My research on the MMPI-A embodies several Honors College Learning Outcomes. I obtained valuable research experience, which will help me excel in graduate school and my future career. This experience has helped me gain the knowledge and skills to properly conduct research. I also met mentors who I plan on working with for future projects. From this experience, I am inspired to pursue a career in psychology research.



IMPACT

This experience has helped me gain the knowledge and skills to properly conduct research. I have had professors mentor me in the research progress. In addition, having submission deadlines to meet helped me stay on track. When I finish my thesis research this semester, fellow colleagues, researchers, and I will have a better understanding of the MMPI-A and the behavioral issues in school. This knowledge will benefit others wishing to understand school performance between males and females.

ADVICE

For other students looking to complete an undergraduate Honors Thesis, I recommend finding a mentor who is passionate and knowledgeable in the field of interest.