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ABSTRACT

The present study aimed at determining the effect of gender and years of experience on teachers' efficacy. It was hypothesized that there would be a significant difference among novice (0-6years experience) and experienced (7 and above years' experience) teachers' efficacy. It was also hypothesized that there would be a significant difference among male and female teachers' efficacy. For this purpose a total sample of 128 teachers' (64males and 64 females) were taken from different government and private schools of Karachi holding at least a bachelor or a master degree. Data collection was done using a consent form, a demographic information sheet, and a short form of Teachers Efficacy Scale by Anita Woolfolk Hoy (1993).

T-test was calculated for the statistical analysis and results obtained were found to be non-significant for the years of experience on both the factor of teachers' efficacy i.e. Teaching Efficacy (TE) and Personal Efficacy (PE) at P>0.05, stating that the teachers' efficacy is independent of the years of experience. Whereas gender had a slightly significant effect on one of the factor of teachers' efficacy scale i.e. Teaching Efficacy (TE) but was found to be non-significant for the other factor that is Personal Efficacy (PE). Furthermore, the mean scores also showed that males had scored higher on Teaching Efficacy (TE) factor as compared to females i.e. 12.00 and 10.73 respectively. Further research could look into the reasons behind these findings with different lengths of experience and with a larger sample size in order for the results to be reliable.