

Using the image drawing method to examine advanced lectures of a teacher librarian program

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1. Aim

Previously, I examined changes in the pictures that university students drew of their school library over time while taking a course of school libraries. My lecture explained the importance of school libraries and in particular school librarians to future teachers (excluding school librarians). It was expected that if the lecture objectives had been achieved, the number of students who drew a librarian would increase compared with drawings done by these same students prior to taking part in the course. While my original students showed an increased tendency to draw a librarian, besides only 2 of 22 other teacher librarian courses revealed an increased tendency, the ratio of my students who depicted librarians was at the same level as that of the students in the teacher librarian courses, revealing that my lectures successfully communicated the importance of school librarians.

So, the purpose of this study, to increase the reliability of the image drawing method, and apply to advanced lectures of teacher librarian program.

When applying the method to advanced lectures, the student who just drew a librarian behind a circulation counter is unsatisfying. For the objectives of the courses, there is need to select the new themes in the pictures. And it is unclear the relationship between "understanding the importance of the librarian" and "drew a librarian."

2. Method

(1) I determine new themes "Librarian and student(s)," "Communication (e.g. talking or two students read one book) and "Reading."

(2) New three questions are added to the questionnaire; a) wish to work in the school library b) good at drawing c) "Question for behavioral intention" e.g. When you will be a teacher, you

know a colleague takes counsel with a school librarian. What will you do? I checked the relationship between those questions and the (previous and new) themes.

3. Results

(1) In the lecture "Character Development Through Reading," the number of students who depicted the "Communication" increased.

(2) There was a statistical relationship between the "Question for behavioral intention" and "drew a librarian."

4. Conclusion

Study findings suggest that IDM can be used as a barometer of advanced lectures of a teacher librarian program.

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