

## The Research on the occupational awareness of interior design students

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### Abstract

The decisions made in university and department choices play a crucial role in shaping students' lives after training. Knowing the elements that have impact on these decisions will contribute to setting up the substructure which can be made use for shaping career plans along with increasing the students' success level in their educational lives. In this research, a face to face questionnaire was conducted to Interior Design Program students from Gumushane University, Gümüşhane Vocational School towards determining the factors affecting their department choice. In the research, questions, including the motives for the decision and demographic characteristics of participants, and 26 propositions, concerning occupational awareness prepared according to 5 Likert scale, are used. Data obtained are analysed by using SPSS 20 package program. In the research conducted, %56 of participants are students from formal education and %44 are secondary education students, %45 are female, %55 are male. It has been detected that %11 of students enlisted resides in villages, %41 in district centres and %48 in city centres. It has been observed that %48 of students are interested in the occupation, %20 have sufficient exam score, %11 enrolled with open submission and %11 chose this occupation because of family and environment guidance. On the other side, statistically significant opinion differences ( $p < 0,05$ ) between occupational career plans and satisfaction levels are detected according to variables as education form, gender, residential area dwelled, academic success status, motive for department and university choice as a result of the one-way variance analyses conducted.

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