

## **An Investigation of the Factors Affecting the Effectiveness of the Practical Courses in the Agricultural Vocational Schools of Fars Province**

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Determining academic effectiveness of practical agricultural competencies plays a vital role in improving educational quality in agricultural vocational schools, which are responsible for providing skillful human resource in agricultural sector. This research project aimed to investigate the factors affecting the effectiveness of practical courses in agricultural vocational schools of Fars province. The population consisted of 258 junior students of agricultural vocational schools during 2013-2014. Based on Krejcie and Morgan's table of sampling, 158 junior students were selected through simple random sampling methodology. The data collection was done using a questionnaire which was validated by a group of experts. Its reliability as measured by Cronbach's alpha was 0.89. Findings revealed that, educational process, managing practical courses and subject matter played an important role in effectiveness of vocational courses.

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