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# Health Literacy of Psychology Students of Soegijapranata Catholic University in Semarang, Indonesia

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## Background

- The main academic interest of undergraduate program of Psychology Faculty of Soegijapranata Catholic University, Semarang, Indonesia is Health Psychology.
- 2. Since 1993, we have been teaching the students about health behaviour and promoting healthy life styles. But, we never studied health literacy of our students.
- 3. We found the *Health Literacy Measure for Adolescent* (HELMA) in Shahla Ghanbari, Ali Ramezankhani, Ali Montazeri, Yadollah Mehrabi (2016). Health Literacy Measure for Adolescents (HELMA): Development and Psychometric Properties. *PLoS ONE, 11(2),* 1-12. e0149202. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0149202

## Purpose of Study

- 1. To do adaptation the measurement of Health Literacy for adolescents (it will not be reported detail in this presentation)
- 2. To study the health literacy of the Psychology Faculty students related with sex, age, and batch.

### Research Method

- It was quantitative Research.
- There were 664 students joined the research. They consisted of 156 male and 508 female students.
- They were students of batch 2012-2016; the age ranged from 17 to 23 years.
- Health literacy measurement was adapted from Health Literacy Measure for Adolescents (HELMA, Ghanbari et al, 2016)-> translated to Indonesian language, and retranslated to English language.

#### Sex

|       |        | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative<br>Percent |
|-------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Valid | Male   | 156       | 23.5    | 23.5          | 23.5                  |
|       | Female | 508       | 76.5    | 76.5          | 100.0                 |
|       | Total  | 664       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                       |

#### Age

|       |       | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative<br>Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Valid | 17    | 24        | 3.6     | 3.6           | 3.6                   |
|       | 18    | 130       | 19.6    | 19.6          | 23.2                  |
|       | 19    | 184       | 27.7    | 27.7          | 50.9                  |
|       | 20    | 162       | 24.4    | 24.4          | 75.3                  |
|       | 21    | 119       | 17.9    | 17.9          | 93.2                  |
|       | 22    | 40        | 6.0     | 6.0           | 99.2                  |
|       | 23    | 5         | .8      | .8            | 100.0                 |
|       | Total | 664       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                       |

#### **Batch**

|       |       | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative<br>Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Valid | 2012  | 25        | 3.8     | 3.8           | 3.8                   |
|       | 2013  | 134       | 20.2    | 20.2          | 23.9                  |
|       | 2014  | 188       | 28.3    | 28.3          | 52.3                  |
|       | 2015  | 155       | 23.3    | 23.3          | 75.6                  |
|       | 2016  | 162       | 24.4    | 24.4          | 100.0                 |
|       | Total | 664       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                       |

## Results

1. About the scale

The Ghanbary's scale consists of eight factors: access, reading, understanding, appraisal, use, communication, self-efficacy, and numeracy.

Based on factor analysis, there were three factors:

- a. understanding information about healthy life: "I can understand most things I hear about health".
- b. effort to be healthy: "I try to choose foods without preservatives".
- c. awareness about access to health information: "I am able to find more information on health".

#### Rotated Component Matrix\*

| 1       |      |           |      |
|---------|------|-----------|------|
|         |      | Component | ı    |
|         |      | 2         |      |
| II 1    |      | .495      |      |
| 11/2    |      |           | .538 |
| H_3     |      |           | .568 |
| H_4     |      |           | .548 |
| H_5     |      |           | .411 |
| H_U     |      |           | .465 |
| 11 7    |      |           | .473 |
| ня      |      |           | .532 |
| H_9     |      |           | 54-  |
| H_10    | 376  |           |      |
| H_11    | .508 |           |      |
| 11 12   | 754  |           | .335 |
| H_13    | .428 |           | .325 |
| H_I1    |      |           | 62   |
| H_15    | 5.5  |           |      |
| H_16    | .530 |           |      |
| 11 17   | .638 |           |      |
| H_18    | 300. |           |      |
| H_19    | .611 |           |      |
| H_20    | 5.7  |           |      |
| 11 21   | .452 |           |      |
| H_22    | 2-1  |           | 375  |
| H_23    | 570  |           | 34=  |
| H_24    | .448 |           |      |
| 11.25   | .486 | .403      |      |
| H_26    | .413 | .369      |      |
| H_27    | .451 | .960      |      |
| H_28    | 41:  | 307       |      |
| H_29    | .341 | 401       |      |
| 11 :111 |      | .639      |      |
| 11.51   |      | .613      |      |
| H_32    |      | .703      |      |
| H_33    |      | .504      |      |
| H_34    |      | .590      |      |
| H_35    |      | .453      |      |
| 11 36   |      | .490      |      |
| 11.37   |      | .371      | .353 |
| H_38    |      | 053       | 411  |
| H_39    |      |           | 52   |
| H_40    |      | .387      | .370 |
| H_41    |      | .367      | .305 |

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. Rulation Method: Varimax with Paissar Normalization.

a. Rotalion convented in 7 iterations.

- 2. Between male and female students
- a. There was no significant difference between male and female students on understanding information about healthy life (t=-0.302, p=0.763, Mean<sub>m</sub> =63.31, SD<sub>m</sub> = 10.19; Mean<sub>f</sub> =63.57; SD<sub>f</sub>=8.986) neither on effort to be healthy (t=-1.268, p=0.205; Mean<sub>m</sub> = 39.65, SD<sub>m</sub> =8.079; Mean<sub>f</sub> =40.51; SD<sub>f</sub>=7.188).
- b. But there was significant difference between male and female students on awareness about access to health information (t=4.108, p=0.000; Mean<sub>m</sub>=40.17, SD<sub>m</sub>=6.377; Mean<sub>f</sub>=42.30; SD<sub>f</sub>=5.443), which male score was lower than female score.

#### Report

| Sex    |                | Fak1und | Fak2eff | Fak3access |
|--------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Male   | Mean           | 3.52    | 3.30    | 3.65       |
|        | N              | 156     | 156     | 156        |
|        | Std. Deviation | .566    | .673    | .580       |
| Female | Mean           | 3.53    | 3.38    | 3.85       |
|        | N              | 508     | 508     | 508        |
|        | Std. Deviation | .499    | .599    | .495       |
| Total  | Mean           | 3.53    | 3.36    | 3.80       |
|        | N              | 664     | 664     | 664        |
|        | Std. Deviation | .515    | .618    | .522       |

## 3. Based on the batches (2012-2016)

- a. there was no significant difference among batches on understanding information about healthy life (F=1.307, p=0.266).
- b. There was significant difference among the batches on effort to be healthy (F=3.273, p= 0.011), (the highest was batch 2014, and the lowest was batch 2012)
- c. There was significant difference among the batches on awareness about access to health information (F=4.638, p=0.001). (the highest was batch 2014, and the lowest was batch 2016).
- d. There was no significant correlation between batches and understanding information about healthy life (r = -0.017, p=0.663), neither was correlation between batches and effort to be healthy (r=0.008, p=0.883)
- e. There was significant correlation between batches and awareness about access to health information (r =- 0.100, p=0.01). The earlier batches had the higher score on awareness about access to health information

#### Report

| Batch |                | Fak1und | Fak2eff | Fak3access |
|-------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 2012  | Mean           | 3.48    | 3.20    | 3.76       |
|       | 7              | 25      | 25      | 25         |
|       | Std. Deviation | .420    | .565    | .514       |
| 2013  | Mean           | 3.50    | 3.27    | 3.81       |
|       | Ν              | 134     | 134     | 134        |
|       | Std. Deviation | .466    | .562    | .518       |
| 2014  | Mean           | 3.58    | 3.47    | 3.90       |
|       | 7              | 188     | 188     | 188        |
|       | Std. Deviation | .551    | .563    | .472       |
| 2015  | Mean           | 3.56    | 3.40    | 3.82       |
|       | Ν              | 155     | 155     | 155        |
|       | Std. Deviation | .470    | .656    | .542       |
| 2016  | Mean           | 3.47    | 3.29    | 3.66       |
|       | Ν              | 162     | 162     | 162        |
|       | Std. Deviation | .561    | .672    | .540       |
| Total | Mean           | 3.53    | 3.36    | 3.80       |
|       | Ν              | 664     | 664     | 664        |
|       | Std. Deviation | .515    | .618    | .522       |

#### Correlations

|            |                     | Batch | Fak1 und | Fak2eff | Fak3access |
|------------|---------------------|-------|----------|---------|------------|
| Batch      | Pearson Correlation | 1     | 017      | .008    | 100''      |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     |       | .663     | .837    | .010       |
|            | N                   | 664   | 664      | 664     | 664        |
| Fak1und    | Pearson Correlation | 017   | 1        | .587''  | .550"      |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .663  |          | .000    | .000       |
|            | N                   | 664   | 664      | 664     | 664        |
| Fak2eff    | Pearson Correlation | .008  | .587''   | 1       | .522"      |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .837  | .000     |         | .000       |
|            | N                   | 664   | 664      | 664     | 664        |
| Fak3access | Pearson Correlation | 100'' | .550''   | .522''  | 1          |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .010  | .000     | .000    |            |
|            | N                   | 664   | 664      | 664     | 664        |

<sup>\*\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

# 4. There was no significant correlation between age and each of the factors.

#### Correlations

|            |                     | Age  | Fak1und | Fak2eff | Fak3access |
|------------|---------------------|------|---------|---------|------------|
| Age        | Pearson Correlation | 1    | .000    | 017     | .050       |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     |      | .997    | .656    | .199       |
|            | N                   | 664  | 664     | 664     | 664        |
| Fak1und    | Pearson Correlation | .000 | 1       | .587''  | .550"      |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .997 |         | .000    | .000       |
|            | N                   | 664  | 664     | 664     | 664        |
| Fak2eff    | Pearson Correlation | 017  | .587''  | 1       | .522"      |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .656 | .000    |         | .000       |
|            | N                   | 664  | 664     | 664     | 664        |
| Fak3access | Pearson Correlation | .050 | .550''  | .522"   | 1          |
|            | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .199 | .000    | .000    |            |
|            | N                   | 664  | 664     | 664     | 664        |

<sup>\*\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

## 5. Comparing between each factor

- a. There were significant differences between score of understanding information about healthy life and that of awareness about access to health information (t=-14.214; p=0.000) and that of effort to be healthy (t=8.329, p= 0.000).
- b. There was significant difference between score of awareness about access to health information and that of effort to be healthy (t = -20.158, p = 0.000).
- c. The research results showed that the top rank of the student score was the awareness about access to health information (mean=3.80, SD=0.522). The second was the understanding information about healthy life (mean = 3.53; SD=0,515), and the last one was the effort to be healthy (mean =3.36; SD= 6.18;).

|  | Mean | SD    |
|--|------|-------|
| Understanding information about healthy life | 3.53 | 0.515 |
| Effort to be healthy                         | 3.36 | 0.618 |
| Awareness about access to health information | 3.80 | 0.552 |

## Conclusion

- 1. There were three main factors of the adapted HELMA.
- There was significant difference between male and female students on awareness about access to health information, and female students had higher score than male students did.

#### 3. Among batches:

- a. There was significant difference among the batches on effort to be healthy (the highest was batch 2014, and the lowest was batch 2012)
- b. There was significant difference among the batches on awareness about access to health information (the highest was batch 2014, and the lowest was batch 2016).
- c. There was significant correlation between batches and awareness about access to health information (r = -0.100, p = 0.01). The earlier batches had the higher score on awareness about access to health information

- 4. There was no significant correlation between age and each of the factors.
- 5. The score of the students of awareness about access to health information was the highest, followed by score of the understanding information about healthy life, and the lowest one was the effort to be healthy.

## Thank You