

Request #: 531 - Other - Thesis

Are Universities Adequately Preparing Undergraduate Students For Careers As Professional Wildlife Biologist?

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Background

My research looked at the needs of state and federal wildlife agencies, regarding entry-level employment skill-sets and trainings desired by future employees. I also reviewed contemporary university undergraduate wildlife curriculums at accredited universities to determine if and where they may be educational gaps between the skill-sets desired by wildlife agencies and university curricula. Lastly, I surveyed undergraduate students enrolled at accredited universities offering wildlife programs to determine their expectations, needs, and if the program they were enrolled in was adequately preparing them for future employment.

Sample

I collected all of my data, and ran it all besides the questions that separated each answer choice into its own question. I just cannot figure out how to combine all the answer choices back into one question so I can run those three questions against my constructs in a paired T-Test.

Hypothesis

The specific objectives of my research were to; 1) evaluate undergraduate wildlife curricula offered at accredited universities to determine if they are adequately preparing their students to meet the federal series standards of a 0486 wildlife biologist position, 2) assess the employee knowledge and skill-sets desired by state and federal agencies that employ wildlife biologists to determine if any performance gaps exist between wildlife curricula and agency needs, and 3) assess the expectations of Wildlife Society undergraduate students on the National Association of University Fisheries and Wildlife Programs to determine their personal learning goals and professional goals.

Progress

Finishing edits for my second chapter so I can start my last one but I am stuck on this one issue.

Request

I was wondering if I could receive help with an issue I was having on SPSS? For some reason when I transferred my research survey, several of my questions got separated (Ex: one question had 6 answer choices and SPSS separated that one question into 6 questions) and I cannot figure out how to combine them so I can run paired T-Test. This is all I need help with so hopefully, I can receive help the next available slot. I ran the rest of my data already, this is the only part I cannot figure out and I have to submit my paper work to defend middle of April.

Timeline

I walk this semester May 6th and have to defend at the end of April, and will finish the last part of my thesis this summer. I really need to figure this issue out within the next 3 days if there is a slot. I was hoping for

today, because I feel like someone that is knowledgeable with SPSS unlike me would help me fix this under five minutes. Why I am so annoyed with myself I have watched hrs of youtube videos and read several SPSS articles.