

INVESTIGATING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AND WITHOUT HEARING DISABILITY IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed at investigating the life quality of Individuals with and without hearing disabilities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as it pertains to general health, social life employment, affection, mental health and time management. To achieve that goal, qualitative and quantitative methods were employed. The quantitative data was collected through a means of a questionnaire which was validated through ensuring the content validity by means of 10 expert revisions and feedback. and the reliability was established (Chrounbach Alpha: 0.93), the qualitative data was collected using a semi-structured interview. The participants of this study were 180 (90 with disabilities and 90 without disabilities). The variables of the study were severity of disability, educational level, marital status and gender. Following hypotheses testing and data analyses, the results of this study revealed that there are significant differences between individuals with and without disabilities in all variables tested in this study. Based on the findings, the research provided some recommendations aimed at improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in all life domains especially in health, psychological and social aspects

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