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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the effect of gender on the use of computer in the teaching learning process and effect on the academic performance of students in history. It was a quasi-experimental study and use a pre-test design. The experimental group was taught the slave trade as a topic in history with computer while the control group was taught without computer. Two research questions and two null hypotheses guided the study. One researcher-made instrument of 20 item multiple choice questions was used for both pre-test and post-test. Data collected was analyzed using mean score and t-test. Result show that gender had no significant effect on the use of computer as shown by the performance of the boys and girls. However, the use of computer in the teaching improved the academic performance of the students.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE USE OF STUDENT-CENTERED INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING IN TECHNICAL COLLEGES IN NIGER STATE, NIGERIA

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technical colleges in Niger State, Nigeria. Three research questions and three hypotheses guided the study. A descriptive survey research design was adopted for the study. The study was conducted in the two technical colleges in Niger state. The target population was 55 respondents consisting of 38 experienced and 17 less experienced teachers. The instrument for data collection titled Questionnaire on the use of student-centered instructional Technique was developed by the researcher. The instrument was validated by three lecturers from the Department of Industrial and Technology Education, Federal University of Technology, Minna. Cronbach Alfa was used to ascertain the reliability coefficient of the instrument which was found to be 0.89. Mean and standard deviation was used to answer the research question while t-test statistic was used to test the hypotheses at 0.05 level of significance. The findings of the study revealed that student-centered instructional strategies was not used for teaching at technical colleges in Niger state. The findings of the study also revealed that there is no significant difference in the mean ratings of the experienced teachers and less experienced teachers on the extent of usage of student-centered instructional strategies for teaching at technical colleges in Niger State. The study further revealed that lack of facilities, poor funding, inadequate teachers knowledge-based and student demand to some specific nature among others contributed to non use of the student-centered instructional strategies. Based on the findings, it was recommended that student-centered instructional strategies identified in the study should be made a requirement for teaching/learning situation at technical colleges in Niger state. Federal and state ministry of education should provide adequate funding, training and retraining opportunities, readily available teaching materials and resource for effective use of student-centered instructional strategies for teaching at technical colleges.

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Access to Technical and Vocational Education and Training is the fulcrum to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. The goal of the goals lies the need to