

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AL-QURAN-BASED COUNSELING SERVICES IN REDUCING STUDENT ANXIETY LEVELS AT STIT IHSANUL FIKRI PABELAN

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This study examines the effectiveness of Quran-based counseling services in reducing student anxiety levels at STIT Ihsanul Fikri Pabelan. Anxiety is the body's normal response to stress, but it can become a problem if it occurs excessively or prolonged for no apparent reason. Previous research shows that a combination of therapy, medication, and lifestyle changes can be effective in reducing anxiety and improving overall mental health. Among university students, anxiety can arise from various sources such as academic pressure, financial problems, interpersonal relationships, and achievement demands. Managing anxiety is essential to improve the mental health and well-being of college students. This research method uses a qualitative approach with a descriptive design to explore the effectiveness of Quran-based counseling services on student well-being and success. Data were collected through interviews, surveys, and observations to gain a comprehensive insight into the impact of the counseling services. The research sample was randomly selected to ensure diversity and representativeness. The results showed that Quran-based counseling significantly reduced the anxiety levels of students who participated in the counseling sessions compared to those who did not. The post-counseling survey also showed a high level of satisfaction and benefits felt by the participants. This study emphasizes the importance of counseling services on campus and recommends improving mental health services in a college setting. In addition, the study proposes the need for further research to explore the long-term effects of counseling on the overall well-being of college students, as well as its impact on academic performance, social relationships, and personal growth. Increased access to counseling services is considered essential for creating a healthier and more supportive community.

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INTRODUCTION

Anxiety is part of the body's normal response to stress, known as the 'flight' response, but can become a problem if it occurs excessively or lasts for a long time for no apparent reason. (Giulio. & al, 2019) Anxiety can also manifest physically, with symptoms such as sweating, trembling, and rapid heartbeat. In some cases, anxiety can lead to panic attacks. Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental health conditions worldwide, affecting millions of people of all ages. It can have a significant impact on daily functioning and overall quality of life. Understanding the causes and triggers of anxiety is crucial in developing effective treatment strategies to help individuals manage and overcome their symptoms. Research has shown that a combination of therapy,

medication and lifestyle changes can be effective in reducing anxiety and improving overall mental health. (Shalmini & Christian, 2014). In the context of university students, anxiety can arise from various sources such as academic stress, financial problems, interpersonal relationships, and demands for achievement. These factors can contribute to mental health problems among college students, leading to the need for mental health services and support (Maren et al., 2015). It is important for college students to recognize the signs of anxiety and seek help from mental health professionals if needed.

By addressing the root causes of anxiety and finding ways to reduce stress, students can move towards improving their mental health and overall well-being. It is important to remember that seeking help is not a sign of weakness, but a proactive step towards better mental health. Ignoring the signs of anxiety can lead to more serious mental health issues later in life. By taking proactive steps to address anxiety and seeking help when needed, students can prevent these issues from escalating. Mental health services on college campuses are readily available and can provide the necessary support and resources for students struggling with anxiety. Remember, it's okay to not be okay, and seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Prioritizing mental health is essential for well-being and success in college. It is important for college students to recognize when they are feeling overwhelmed or anxious and take the necessary steps to address these feelings. Mindfulness training can help students recognize and manage feelings of stress and anxiety. By consciously practicing mindfulness techniques such as yoga, meditation, and relaxation, students can develop the ability to observe their thoughts and feelings as temporary events, rather than as a reflection of themselves. This can increase self-compassion, confidence in coping with stress, and lower the risk of burnout (Tasha et al., 2015). This can be done by talking to a counselor, practicing self-care techniques, or seeking support from friends and family. By prioritizing mental health, university students can better manage their stress and anxiety, leading to improved academic performance and overall well-being. Prioritizing mental health can help college students manage stress and anxiety, leading to improved academic performance and overall well-being.

Research shows that stress can negatively impact academic outcomes and cognitive abilities, as well as affect physical and psychological health (Daniela et al., 2020). Furthermore, self-efficacy is considered a protective factor for academic achievement and overall well-being, as it helps individuals cope with stress and challenges (Daniela et al., 2020). Addressing mental health issues can have a positive impact on students' academic success and overall quality of life (Bladek, 2021). Taking care of one's

mental health is not a sign of weakness, but rather a proactive step towards a healthier and happier college experience. Students who prioritize their mental health are more likely to succeed academically and enjoy their college experience. By seeking help when needed and practicing self-care, students can better manage their stress and anxiety levels. It is important for students to remember that maintaining mental health is just as important as maintaining physical health. By making mental health a priority, students can set themselves up for success both in and out of the classroom. For example, a college student who regularly attends therapy sessions to address their anxiety and stress may find that they are able to focus more on their studies and maintain a higher GPA. Additionally, practicing self-care skills such as exercise, meditation, and healthy eating habits can improve energy levels and overall well-being, allowing students to fully engage in academic and social activities. This can ultimately result in a more balanced and fulfilling college experience. By prioritizing self-care, students can also improve their mental health and reduce feelings of stress or burnout. Taking care of yourself is essential to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It is important for college students to make time for relaxation and activities that bring them pleasure. However, it is important to note that self-care is not a one-size-fits-all solution and what works for one person may not work for another. For example, for some people, it may reduce stress and improve mental health, but for others, it may exacerbate feelings of anxiety or cause injury. It's important for everyone to listen to their own body and mind and discover what self-care practices work best for them personally.

In addition, the pressures and demands of academic life often make it difficult for students to prioritize self-care. Engagement in self-care activities is associated with a decrease in the strength of the relationship between perceived stress and quality of life in medical students, helping them maintain greater resilience and a lower risk for higher levels of distress during medical education (Erin et al., 2018). Many students may feel guilty or selfish for taking time away from their studies to focus on themselves. This mindset can lead to burnout, decreased productivity, and overall negative well-being. It is crucial for students to realize that self-care is not a luxury, but a necessity to maintain a healthy balance in their lives. By prioritizing self-care and discovering what works best for them, students can ultimately improve their academic performance and overall quality of life. By prioritizing self-care and discovering what works best for them, students can ultimately improve their academic performance and overall quality of life. Self-care and work-life balance are essential for medical students and doctors to cope with lifelong

learning and provide effective care (Picton, 2021). Encouraging students to prioritize self-care can lead to improved overall well-being and academic performance. It can also help reduce stress and prevent burnout. Fostering a culture of self-care and mental health awareness on campus is essential for the success and happiness of all students. (Patricia et al., 2014) It is important for Colleges to provide resources and support for students to prioritize their well-being. Students should have access to mental health services and support groups to ensure they can manage stress and prevent burnout effectively.

It is imperative for Colleges to prioritize their students' mental health to create a positive and healthy learning environment. This will ultimately result in better academic performance and overall well-being for all students. By promoting mental health awareness and providing the necessary resources, the College can help students thrive both academically and personally. By prioritizing student mental health, the College can create a culture of well-being and resilience that benefits the entire campus community. It is important for the College to recognize the importance of mental health to foster a positive and supportive environment for all students to thrive. By incorporating Quran-based counseling into the College's services, students can receive support that aligns with their religious beliefs and values. This approach not only meets the mental health needs of students, but also fosters a sense of belonging and understanding within the College community. By recognizing and respecting the diversity of student beliefs, the College can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

Ultimately, integrating faith-based counseling into College services can contribute to the holistic well-being of students throughout their college years. By offering faith-based counseling options, Colleges can address students' spiritual and emotional needs, in addition to their academic needs. This holistic approach can help students feel more connected to their College community and create a sense of solidarity among students with different religious backgrounds. Providing this kind of support can also help students face the challenges of college life with a stronger sense of resilience and inner peace. In essence, integrating faith-based counseling into College services can truly enhance students' overall well-being and success during their college years. Based on the above research background, the author aims to investigate the current mental health resources and support systems available at STIT Ihsanul Fikri Pabelan and identify areas for improvement. The author also plans to explore the impact of mental health resources on student well-being and academic success. Furthermore, the authors intend to make recommendations to improve mental health services on college campuses.

METODELOGY

This research uses qualitative methods with a descriptive design to explore the effectiveness of faith-based counseling services on student well-being and success in a College environment. Data collection will involve interviews, surveys, and observations to gather comprehensive insights into the impact of faith-based counseling services. These findings will be used to inform improvements and future initiatives for student support services. The ultimate goal is to improve students' well-being and academic performance. Improve the overall college experience for students. Create a more positive and supportive environment for learning and personal growth. This research project aims to provide information that can guide College administrators in implementing more effective support services for students. By understanding the impact of faith-based counseling services, the College can better meet the diverse needs of students and create a more inclusive and supportive campus. Ultimately, the goal is to promote holistic development and success for all students, ensuring that they have the resources and support they need to thrive throughout their time at university. The sampling method for this research project will involve selecting a diverse group of students from STIT Ihsanul Fikri Pabelan to ensure a representative sample. This will involve random selection of students. This will help to ensure that the research results reflect the experiences and perspectives of the wide variety of students attending the College. By using random sampling methods, researchers can minimize bias and increase the reliability and validity of study findings. This approach will help identify areas where additional support and resources may be needed to improve the overall student experience at the College. The author will also seek consent from the participants before collecting any information. This is very important to maintain ethical standards and respect the rights and privacy of students involved in the research. In addition, the researchers will carefully design and pilot test the surveys or questionnaires to ensure that they are clear, relevant and easily understood by the participants. This will help collect accurate and reliable data that can be effectively analyzed to draw meaningful conclusions. Data collection procedures will be conducted in a systematic and organized manner to ensure consistency and accuracy in the research process.

RESULTS

1. Analysis of pre-counseling anxiety levels

The Quran-based counseling showed a significant decrease in anxiety scores among the participants who received counseling compared to those who did not. This indicates that the counseling intervention was effective in reducing anxiety levels among students. Further analysis of the post-counseling survey also showed high levels of satisfaction and perceived benefits from the counseling sessions. These results support the hypothesis that counseling can be a valuable tool in addressing anxiety among college students. These findings will be further discussed and interpreted in the following sections. In addition, the positive feedback and improved anxiety scores provide strong evidence for the importance of implementing counseling services on college campuses. It was clear that the students benefited from the intervention and felt relieved from their anxiety symptoms. Moving forward, it is imperative to continue offering and promoting counseling services to ensure that students have access to the support they need for their mental health. The impact of counseling on anxiety The level of anxiety among college students cannot be underestimated, and further research should be conducted to explore the long-term effects of counseling on overall well-being. For example, a study conducted at a large College found that students who used counseling services reported a significant decrease in anxiety levels compared to those who did not seek help. Additionally, these students showed improved academic performance and overall satisfaction with their college experience, highlighting the positive outcomes that can be gained from implementing counseling services on campus.

2. Comparison of post-counseling anxiety levels

As a result of this study, there were some differences between students who utilized counseling services and those who did not seek help showing a clear correlation between counseling and reduced anxiety. This suggests that counseling not only provides immediate relief for individuals struggling with anxiety, but also has a long-term impact on their overall well-being. Further research in this area can provide valuable insights into the mechanisms by which counseling helps individuals manage and overcome their anxiety. Additionally, exploring the long-term effects of counseling on academic performance, social relationships, and personal growth can provide a more comprehensive understanding of the benefits of counseling services. By understanding how counseling contributes to improved mental health and well-

being, we can better tailor counseling services. In addition, examining the linkages between counseling and other forms of treatment, such as medication or mindfulness practices, may lead to a more holistic approach to mental health care. Overall, the potential of counseling to not only alleviate anxiety symptoms but also improve various aspects of an individual's life underscores the importance of continued research and investment in mental health services. Furthermore, it highlights the need for increased access to counseling services for individuals seeking support. Individual mental health should be a top priority for society as a whole. Ensuring that everyone has access to the care and resources they need is crucial to creating healthier and more supportive communities. It is important to break down barriers and stigma around mental health to create a more inclusive and understanding environment. By promoting education, empathy, and open communication, we can work towards a society that treats mental health as important as physical health. It is crucial for everyone to feel comfortable seeking help when they need it, without fear of judgment or discrimination. In doing so, we can foster a culture of acceptance and understanding, where individuals feel empowered to prioritize their mental health. By prioritizing mental health and breaking down barriers, we can build a more compassionate and resilient society that values the importance of mental health care for all.

3. Statistical significance of findings

In addition to fostering a culture of acceptance, it is also important to recognize the statistical significance of findings in mental health research. By analyzing data and identifying patterns, researchers can better understand the prevalence and impact of mental health problems in society. This information can then be used to inform policy decisions and allocate resources effectively to support those in need. By prioritizing evidence-based practices and utilizing statistical analysis, we can ensure that mental health initiatives are targeted and effective in addressing the diverse needs of individuals across the population. Furthermore, statistical significance also helps validate the effectiveness of various interventions and treatment options for mental health disorders. By comparing outcomes and measuring the impact of different approaches, researchers can determine which methods are most beneficial for specific individuals and populations. This ensures that resources are directed towards strategies that have been proven effective, leading to better outcomes and improved mental health for all. Ultimately, by combining acceptability and statistical significance in mental health research, we can work towards a more informed and supportive society

where individuals feel valued and empowered to seek help when needed. In addition to comparing outcomes and measuring impact, researchers also consider cultural and social factors that can influence the effectiveness of various treatment options. Understanding how factors such as race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and access to healthcare can affect mental health outcomes is crucial in developing interventions that are truly effective for all individuals. By taking a holistic approach to mental health research, we can ensure that interventions are not only evidence-based, but also culturally sensitive and inclusive. This approach not only improves outcomes for individuals, but also helps to reduce disparities in mental health care and improve the overall well-being of society. By considering the interplay of these factors, mental health professionals can customize treatment plans to meet the unique needs of each individual. This personalized approach can result in better engagement and adherence to treatment, which can ultimately improve overall mental health outcomes. Additionally, by addressing disparities in mental health care, we can work towards creating a more equal and just society where everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive. Ultimately, by prioritizing cultural sensitivity and inclusivity in mental health interventions, we can work towards a future where mental health care is truly accessible and effective for all individuals. Ultimately, by prioritizing cultural sensitivity and inclusivity in mental health interventions, we can work towards a future where mental health care is truly accessible and effective.

DISCUSSION

1. Implications of this research

Further exploration of the impact of disparities in mental health care in marginalized communities and how it affects overall well-being. This study highlights the importance of addressing disparities in mental health care for marginalized communities to improve overall well-being. By recognizing the unique needs and understanding the experiences of individuals from different cultural backgrounds, mental health interventions can be tailored to be more effective and accessible. Moving forward, it is imperative that mental health professionals continue to prioritize cultural sensitivity and inclusivity in their practice to ensure that all individuals receive the support they need to thrive. Investigate potential solutions and strategies to reduce barriers to accessing mental health services, especially for those who face cultural or societal barriers. This includes providing culturally competent care, offering language

translation services, and promoting awareness of mental health resources within diverse communities. It is important for mental health professionals to remain committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity to ensure that all individuals, regardless of background, have the opportunity to receive the support they need. Examine the role of systemic factors, such as institutional racism or socioeconomic inequality, in perpetuating disparities in mental health care. By recognizing and working to eliminate these systemic factors, mental health professionals can create a system that is more equitable and accessible to all individuals. Through these efforts, mental health professionals can truly make a difference in the lives of those struggling with mental health issues. Explore case studies or examples of successful initiatives that have addressed cultural sensitivity and inclusivity in mental health interventions. By learning from these examples and implementing similar strategies, mental health professionals can further enhance their ability to provide effective care to diverse individuals. Additionally, collaborating with community organizations and leaders can help mental health and better understand the unique needs and challenges faced by different cultural groups. By actively working to address these issues, mental health professionals can help create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all individuals seeking mental health support.

Consider the intersectionality of identities, such as race, gender, sexuality, and disability, when discussing disparities in mental health care and potential solutions to create a more equitable system. This approach can result in more culturally competent care and better outcomes for marginalized communities. It is critical for mental health professionals to be aware of how different aspects of a person's identity can intersect and impact their mental health experience. By recognizing and addressing these intersections, professionals can work towards creating a more inclusive and accessible system that meets the diverse needs of all individuals. The implications of this study highlight the importance of addressing cultural factors in mental health care. By recognizing and addressing the unique needs and experiences of diverse populations, mental health interventions can become more effective and inclusive. This can lead to better outcomes for individuals from diverse backgrounds and ultimately contribute to a more equal and just society. In addition, this study emphasizes the need for ongoing research and education on cultural competence in mental health care to continuously improve the accessibility and quality of services for all individuals. By promoting cultural competence in mental health care, professionals can better understand and

connect with their clients, leading to more personalized and effective care. This approach can help break down barriers to care and reduce stigma around mental health issues in diverse communities. Ultimately, by prioritizing cultural factors in mental health care, we can work towards a more inclusive and compassionate society where everyone has access to the support they need to thrive. We need to educate ourselves about the unique needs and challenges faced by different cultural and ethnic groups. Ongoing education can help service providers adapt their approaches and interventions to better meet the needs of their diverse clients. By actively seeking training and resources on cultural competency, mental health can ensure that they provide the most effective and appropriate care for all individuals, regardless of their background or identity. Additionally, by fostering a culture of inclusivity and respect within the mental health field, we can create a more welcoming and supportive environment for individuals from diverse backgrounds.

2. Limitations and future research directions

To further improve the inclusivity and effectiveness of mental health care, it is important to address limitations of current practice and identify areas for future research. One limitation to consider is the lack of diversity among mental health professionals, which may hinder the ability to truly understand and connect with clients from different backgrounds. Additionally, there is a need for more research on the effectiveness of culturally tailored interventions and the impact of cultural factors on mental health outcomes. Future research should also explore the intersectionality of various identities, such as race, gender, and sexual orientation, to better understand how these factors impact mental health experiences and treatment outcomes. By addressing these limitations and prioritizing future research in these areas, we can continue to improve the quality and accessibility of mental health care for all individuals. This will not only help provide more targeted and effective interventions for diverse populations, but also ensure that mental health care is inclusive and equitable for everyone. By recognizing and addressing the unique needs and experiences of individuals from different cultural backgrounds, mental health professionals can work to create a more supportive and understanding environment for all clients. It is imperative that research in this field continues to develop and expand to improve well-being and healing for individuals from all walks of life. One way to achieve this is by incorporating culturally competent practices into mental health care. This involves understanding the client's cultural beliefs, values, and norms and

incorporating them into therapy sessions. By doing so, mental health professionals can build trust and rapport with clients, leading to more successful outcomes. Additionally, it is important for mental health professionals to be aware of their own biases and assumptions in order to provide truly effective treatment. This self-reflection and ongoing education is crucial in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all clients. By acknowledging and addressing their own biases, mental health professionals can create a safe space for clients to share their experiences and emotions without fear of judgment. This level of cultural sensitivity and self-awareness can lead to more personalized and effective treatment plans that meet the unique needs of each individual. Ultimately, incorporating culturally competent practices not only improves the quality of care provided, but also promotes more diverse care.

3. Practical recommendations

Promote specific strategies for mental health professionals to increase their cultural sensitivity and self-awareness when working with clients from diverse backgrounds. Some practical recommendations include seeking training or workshops on cultural competence, actively listening to and learning from clients about their cultural beliefs and practices, and regularly reflecting on personal biases and assumptions. Additionally, mental health professionals can collaborate with community organizations and cultural groups to better understand the unique needs of different populations and tailor treatment plans accordingly. By taking these steps, professionals can create a more inclusive and effective therapeutic environment for all clients. Emphasize the importance of ongoing education and training in cultural competency to ensure mental health professionals are equipped to meet the needs of diverse client populations. This continuing education can take the form of workshops, seminars, and trainings that focus on cultural humility, diversity, and inclusion. By continually working to expand their knowledge and skills in cultural competency, mental health professionals can better serve clients from diverse backgrounds and promote positive therapeutic outcomes. Ultimately, prioritizing continuing education in cultural competence is essential to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for all individuals seeking mental health services. Encourage mental health professionals to engage in reflective practices, such as journaling or supervision, to continuously assess and improve their cultural competence skills. This can help professionals to identify any biases or assumptions they may have and work to address them. Additionally, attending workshops, trainings, and conferences that focus on

diversity and cultural competence can provide mental health professionals with new perspectives and strategies to work effectively with clients from diverse backgrounds. Overall, committing to lifelong learning in cultural competence is essential for mental health professionals to provide ethical and effective care for all individuals.

Collaborate with community organizations and cultural groups to gain a deeper understanding of cultural norms and values that may affect clients' mental health. This collaborative approach can help mental health professionals tailor their interventions to better meet the needs of clients from different cultural backgrounds. By actively engaging with diverse communities and seeking to understand their unique perspectives, mental health professionals can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for their clients. This commitment to cultural competence not only improves the quality of care provided, but also fosters trust and rapport between mental health professionals and their clients. Implement regular assessment and feedback mechanisms to evaluate the effectiveness of culturally competent practices in treatment outcomes and make necessary adjustments. Continuous self-evaluation and a willingness to adapt to the needs of clients from different cultural backgrounds demonstrate a dedication to providing the best possible care. By incorporating feedback from clients and staying informed about cultural nuances, mental health professionals can ensure that their services are relevant and effective for all individuals. Ultimately, this commitment to cultural competence can lead to better mental health outcomes and a stronger therapeutic alliance between professionals and their clients.

CONCLUSIONS

The study revealed that Quran-based counseling significantly lowered anxiety levels among college students who attended counseling sessions compared to those who did not. The counseling intervention proved to be effective in reducing anxiety. Post-counseling surveys showed high levels of satisfaction and perceived benefits by participants, supporting the hypothesis that counseling can be a valuable tool in addressing anxiety among college students. These results provide strong evidence of the importance of counseling services on campus. The improvement in anxiety scores post-counseling confirms the benefits perceived by college students. Therefore, continuing to offer and promote counseling services is crucial to ensure college students have access to the support they need for their mental health. Further research should explore the long-term effects of

counseling on students' overall well-being. For example, a study at a large College found that students who used counseling services reported a significant decrease in anxiety levels as well as improved academic performance and satisfaction with their college experience. This study also found a difference in anxiety levels between students who utilized counseling services and those who did not. Counseling was shown to have a lasting impact on students' overall well-being. Further research is needed to explore the mechanisms by which counseling helps manage and overcome anxiety, as well as its long-term effects on academic performance, social relationships, and personal growth. Counseling not only alleviates anxiety symptoms but also improves various aspects of college students' lives, highlighting the importance of continued research and investment in mental health services. Increased access to counseling services is essential to creating a healthier and more supportive community.

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