

Traditional Education Versus Continued Education

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HYPOTHESES

1. My hypothesis is that nontraditional students do better than traditional students because of the nontraditional students spend their entire college experience balancing academics, familial and financial responsibilities while managing a household multitasking, prioritizing and scheduling. Their most important daily scope and duties are being directly responsible for caregiving childcare while maintaining those same high academic standards



PARTICIPANTS

- ❖ 48 Students
- ❖ 33 Women/15 Men
- ❖ Average Age = 25
- ❖ Race
 - ❖ African American (N =43, 89.5%),
 - ❖ White, (N= 1, 2.08%),
 - ❖ Latino (N =2, 4.17%),
 - ❖ Asian (N =1, 2.08%),
- ❖ Using the Cohen's table Refs around 1992 a sample size 64 is suggested sample size for a medium T-test (our sample was less than 64 -- around 48 -- so this limits our results)



MEASURES



- What age did you start college?
- Have you had to delay your degree? (y/n)
- Have you thought about dropping out of college? (y/n)

RESULTS

Descriptive Results

1. SPSS version 32 was used for all analysis
2. There were 17 students who had delayed their graduation and 31 who did not
3. There were 12 students who thought about dropping out of school and 36 who did not

Inferential Results

1. Students delayed graduation and starting age
 - ❖ Starting age and Delaying, $t(46) = 1.882, p = .066$ almost significant (M=yes =21.18 M = no =10.65)
 - ❖ Students who had to delay their education were older when they started college.
2. Starting age at the beginning of college education and thoughts of dropping out
 - ❖ $t(46) = -.108, p = .914$, Not Significant
 - ❖ M=Yes 19.42 M=No 19.58



DISCUSSION

The results of this study suggest the following:

- ❖ Nontraditional and traditional students both struggled financially however nontraditional students showed more resilience by not having to delay their graduation.
- ❖ There was no difference in start age in terms of college dropout so it is never too late to start school and you can finish despite the age you started!

