CHAPTER 3

OBJECTIVES

Studies that describe a comprehensive set of characteristics possessed by an educating professional is missing in the research on professional characteristics of educators. Though few studies have empirically associated some of the educator characteristics with teacher efficacy, there is no study linking wide-ranging educator characteristics and teacher efficacy. Hence the current research attempts at the following objectives.

Primary Objective

The prime objective of this research is to profile the professional characteristics of educators in higher education in the Coimbatore city, during the period September 2006 – February 2007 and to analyze the impact of these characteristics on teacher efficacy.

Secondary Objectives

- To derive the key professional characteristics of educators.
- To profile the professional characteristics of the educators and study the impact of demographic factors on them.
- To profile teacher efficacy of the educators and study the impact of demographic factors on it.
- To study the inter-relationship between the professional characteristics and with teacher efficacy.
• To study the impact of professional characteristics on teacher efficacy.

• To identify the characteristics that distinguishes highly efficacious educators.

• To estimate a path model relating professional characteristics and teacher efficacy.