

## **AN INVESTIGATION OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS ON COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE IN TURKEY (2000-2016)**

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### **Abstract**

The purpose of this study is to investigate the doctoral dissertations on Counseling and Guidance completed in Turkey between the years of 2000-2016. Research design, type of research, sample or study group, sampling method, sample size, data collection tools, statistical techniques used and the subject areas were investigated for this purpose. Content analysis was used to investigate 255 open access thesis located in YOK National Thesis Center. The thesis were investigated by divided into three periods (2000-2005, 2006-2010, 2011-2016) in order to reveal the evolution appear in time. The findings showed that the most frequent subject areas investigated based on time periods are; anxiety and stress, psychological symptoms and depression in 2000-2005; anxiety and stress, aggressiveness, social skills and anger in 2006-2010; anxiety and stress, aggressiveness and subjective well-being. Purposive sampling and convenience sampling are the most frequently used sampling methods and university students are the most frequently used sample/study group.

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