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An investigation into why there is a high failure rate in Textile Studies at
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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to investigate on the reasons why there is a high failure rate in Textile studies at National Certificate level at Mutare Polytechnic.

In this study the descriptive survey was used. The study was carried out in the department of clothing Construction and Design at Mutare Polytechnic. The sample was made up of 15 students and 2 lecturers out of a population of 34. Questionnaires for students and interviews for lecturers were used as data gathering instruments.

The collected data was interpreted and analysed in a narrative form from the interpretation and analysis, it has been revealed that lecturers are using the lecturer method more oftenly to teach textile studies and this is a contributing factor to low pass rate as textile studies is a practical subject which needs students to be more involved. Recommendations made were that lecturers must make use of the discussion method in order to allow students to pull ideas and experiences from each other. Also lecturers were urged to seriously consider the need to review training material periodically.