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OSMD: Putting Theory to Practice

CACREP (2009) mandates accredited programs provide knowledge and training experiences regarding cultural diversity:

- School Counseling: E&F
- Core Specific: II.G.2

Roles of school counselors differ from other helping professions, so cultural competencies also diverge.

Participants:

- 871 practicing school counselors
- From all 50 states



- 30 items; $\alpha = .87$
- 42.9% variance explained
 - Assess School Environment 10 items; $\alpha = .71 .73$
 - Influence of Personal Culture 5 items; $\alpha = .71 .73$
 - Interpersonal Relationships 9 items; $\alpha = .90-.93$
 - Collaboration
 6 items; $\alpha = .63 .65$

Validity

Construct

- OSMD & MAKSS-R: r = .51, p=.000 Criterion:
 - Coursework taken and OSMD F(1,870) = 1.35, p = .05
 - Continuing education units and OSMD F(1,870) = 2.76, p = .05

