

PERCEPTIONS OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM – CIVIC WELFARE TRAINING SERVICE BY JOSE RIZAL UNIVERSITY FACULTY

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Jose Rizal University (JRU) has been implementing the National Service Training Program – Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) component since the introduction of the NSTP Law in 2002. This study attempted to identify the development, changes, challenges and impact of the program to the individuals and groups that are benefited as perceived by the faculty of NSTP-CWTS in JRU. The study explored the attitudes of students, preparedness of faculty, implementing practices, and community development. The results revealed that students exhibited considerate, responsible and curious behavior. The faculty showed integrity but lacked training and technical support. Implementing practices were imbalanced and restrictive. Community development programs were band-aid solution and community members were uninformed. It is recommended that the University administration reorganize the program to maximize its impact on the community and institute steps so that JRU faculty and students can be in the front line in our nation's war against illiteracy, poverty and injustice.