

Relationship between the Levels of Loneliness and Internet Addiction

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ABSTRACT The purpose of this study is to reveal the relationship between the levels of loneliness and internet addiction in teacher candidates. The research group of this study is formed with 347 teacher candidates who were attending Pedagogical Formation Program at Ankara University and Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University. In the study, two different data collection tools were used. One of them was "UCLA Loneliness Scale" and the other one is "Internet Addiction Scale". The opinions of the teacher candidates about loneliness and internet addiction did not differ according to the variables of gender, marital status, employment, accessibility to the internet at home and online time spent daily except for studying. However, there is a positive relationship in medium level between the loneliness and internet addiction levels of teacher candidates.