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## Title of the study Proponent

## Rationale

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## **Statement of the Problem**

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I, (indicate student's complete name), hereby submit my concept paper entitled, (indicate title of concept paper), and truthfully declare the originality of the paper. To the best of my knowledge and belief, it contains no material previously published or written by another person. I understand that should the University of San Carlos represented by its administrators and faculty eventually discover that my attestations herein are not so, I accept the right of the University to deny admission to the University.

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