EXPLORATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS (EFA) APPROACH FOR VALIDATION OF INTEREST ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT FOR AIRPORT PERSONNEL IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADE XII

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Abstract: Career interest assessments are essential for guiding students in their career choices. However, there is a lack of validated tools focused on airport personnel careers, especially for senior high school students. This study aims to validate a career interest assessment instrument tailored to aviation careers using Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA). The research involved 300 Grade XII students who responded to a 30-item Likert-scale instrument based on Holland's vocational interest theory. EFA revealed three key factors: Airport Operations, Passenger Services, and Ground Handling. The instrument showed high construct validity (KMO > 0.8, significant Bartlett’s Test) and strong reliability (Cronbach’s α > 0.7). Principal Component Analysis with varimax rotation confirmed the three-factor structure with all items loading above 0.5. This validated tool supports vocational guidance in aviation-related education, addressing the industry’s need for targeted career assessments and enhancing students’ informed career decision-making in the airport personnel field.
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Introduction

An individual's inclination towards a specific profession constitutes a pivotal element in the formation of their prospective career trajectory. Selecting a profession that aligns with their interests can facilitate students' success in their chosen field. Interest significantly encourages individuals to continue learning and developing their competence in a given field. In the case of the profession of airport personnel, it is of particular importance that students develop an initial understanding and interest to prepare them to enter a sector that requires specialized skills and the capacity to face a complex and dynamic work environment. Individuals' inclination toward a specific profession significantly influences their career trajectory, particularly in specialized fields like airport personnel. Interest and self-confidence are critical components that foster motivation and competence development.

When students align their career choices with their interests, they are more likely to succeed and adapt to the dynamic demands of their chosen profession. Interest enhances motivation, leading to higher achievement levels in vocational education (Yazid & Ali, 2024). Career guidance helps students identify their interests, ensuring they select programs that align with their talents and future career prospects (Yonanda et al., 2022). Self-confidence, derived from self-belief, empowers individuals to tackle career challenges (Ghaleb, 2024). A supportive educational environment can cultivate self-confidence, enabling students to pursue their goals effectively (Gurres et al., 2021). While interest and self-confidence are vital, external factors such

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as socio-economic conditions and market demands also play a significant role in shaping career choices and satisfaction (Тернавська et al., 2024).
The aviation industry requires a specific skill set that encompasses communication, customer service, and the capacity to function effectively in high-pressure environments. It is therefore important to not only recognize interest in this profession but also to nurture and direct it so that students can gain an understanding of the potential and relevant needs within this sector. Effective communication is vital for aviation safety, as miscommunication can lead to accidents (Yıldız, 2024). Young aviation professionals face challenges in adapting their communication skills from academic settings to the workplace, particularly in English proficiency (Mahmood et al., 2023). The rise of digital technologies necessitates that aviation professionals develop digital competencies to thrive in a transformed industry (Charernnit, 2023). Continuous training and adaptation to technological advancements are essential for maintaining relevant skills in a rapidly evolving environment (Lekarevičienė & Drejeris, 2024). Developing models to assess and justify the need for professional competencies can help aviation organizations adapt to ongoing changes (Lekarevičienė & Drejeris, 2024).

Descriptive statistics provide a summary of the data, including measures of central tendency and variability, which help in understanding the distribution and characteristics of the dataset (Ambo, 2022). The KMO measure assesses the adequacy of the sample size for factor analysis, with values closer to 1 indicating a suitable dataset (Shrestha, 2021). Bartlett's test evaluates the hypothesis that the correlation matrix is an identity matrix, which would suggest that factor analysis is inappropriate. A significant result ($p < 0.05$) indicates that the data is suitable for factor analysis (Tavakol & Wetzel, 2020). Communalities represent the proportion of each variable's variance that can be explained by the extracted factors. High commonalities indicate that the factors extracted account for a significant amount of variance in the data (Shrestha, 2021).

Contextual approaches facilitate student engagement by linking academic content to real-world applications, thereby enhancing the relevance of the assessment tool (Carneiro et al., 2024). Understanding local contexts ensures that the instrument addresses specific interests and needs, improving its validity and applicability (Pérez-Rivas et al., 2023). While the focus on content validation is critical, it is also important to consider the potential limitations of such instruments, including the risk of overlooking emerging factors that influence professional interests, which may not be captured through traditional validation methods ("Improving content validity evaluation of assessment instruments through formal content validity analysis.", 2023).

Current instruments do not adequately address the specific interests related to airport careers, limiting their effectiveness in guiding students and educational institutions (Lekarevičienė & Drejeris, 2024). The aviation sector is rapidly evolving, necessitating tools that reflect the changing competencies required in the industry (Zaharia et al., 2021). Existing measurement tools often fail to consider the emotional development of students, which is crucial for understanding their career interests (Lekarevičienė & Drejeris, 2024). Emotional maturity influences decision-making and career readiness, making it essential to incorporate this aspect into assessment tools (Napierala, 2019). Conversely, while the focus on specialized instruments is critical, it is also important to recognize that broader interest assessments, like the CABIN-NET, can provide valuable insights into students' general vocational interests, potentially guiding them toward airport careers indirectly (Chu et al., 2023).

Therefore, this study aims to validate an instrument to assess interest as airport personnel for 12th-grade high school students using the Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) approach. By applying EFA, this research is expected to provide a deeper understanding of the factor structure that shapes students' interest in the airport personnel profession, as well as a solid foundation for the development of more accurate and relevant instruments in the future. In essence, the purpose of EFA is to identify common underlying factors that form the structure and organization of the variables to be measured. Along with the increasing need for labor in the aviation sector, students' interest in airport professions is a major concern, especially in preparing the younger generation to enter the workforce. Upper secondary education is an important phase in determining students' future interests and careers. Some previous studies have developed career interest instruments, but they are still limited to the general sector and have not specifically assessed interest in professions in the airport field. Proper instrument validity is essential to ensure that the assessment tool can identify students' interests accurately and relevantly, thus providing a strong basis for educational institutions and industries to select suitable candidates.

The formulation of the problem in this study is how to design and validate an instrument that can measure the interest of 12th-grade high school students in the profession of airport personnel. The gap in previous research can be seen from the lack of focus on validating specific factors related to interest in the airport profession, even though this sector has specific characteristics, such as service skills, communication skills, and understanding of the airport work environment. The proposed instrument will utilize a combination of quantitative methods and validated frameworks, such as Holland's RIASEC model, to categorize interests effectively (Sembiring et al., 2024). Incorporating visual elements, similar to the V.I.S.I.O.N. survey, may enhance engagement and understanding among students who struggle with traditional reading materials ("The Development and Validation of a Vocational Interest Survey Instrument With Audio-Visual Format", 2023). The findings from this research could inform educational strategies, enabling schools to tailor career guidance programs that align with students' interests in the aviation field ("Designing the Instrument of Aptitude and Interest for High School Students", 2022). This targeted approach may enhance students' career readiness and align their aspirations with industry needs, particularly in a rapidly evolving sector like aviation (Chu et al., 2023).

This research is limited to validating interest assessment instruments in 12th-grade high school students using the *Exploratory Factor Analysis* (EFA) approach with a sample of 94 students. The purpose of the research is to develop and validate an instrument that can accurately identify students' interest in the airport profession, which in turn is expected to be able to assist education and the aviation industry in selecting and guiding students with appropriate potential.

The benefits of this research are to provide new understanding related to career interest factors in the aviation sector and produce a valid instrument to measure the readiness of high school student's interest in the profession of airport personnel, as well as enrich the literature regarding the validation of career interest instruments in specialized sectors such as aviation.

Method

The research design was quantitative descriptive with an *exploratory factor analysis* (EFA) approach to identify the factors underlying student interest. The variables measured were students' responses to each item in the instrument, which were then tested for validity using factor analysis. The steps of the EFA analysis in this study include: 1) Data Eligibility Test: Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) and Measure of Sampling Adequacy (MSA) tests were conducted to measure data feasibility. Based on the test results, the highest value of MSA was found in items 3 and 9 (0.9), while MSA values for other items varied between 0.7 to 0.8. 2)Factor Extraction: The Principal Component Analysis (PCA) technique was used to extract initial factors from the data on students' interest in airport personnel professions. 3)Factor Rotation: Varimax rotation is applied to maximize the readability of the resulting factors, and simplify the interpretation of factors and relationships between items. 4)Determination of Number of Factors: Based on the eigenvalue and scree plot, factors that have a significant contribution to data variability are selected. 5) Factor Interpretation: The factors formed are interpreted based on the loading factor to determine the dimensions of interest in the airport personnel profession.

Sampling

This study used an *Exploratory Factor Analysis* (EFA) approach to validate an instrument for assessing interest in the airport personnel profession among 12th-grade high school students. The research subjects consisted of 94 12th-grade students from several high schools selected using a purposive sampling technique, with the criteria that students were interested in information about careers in aviation.

Instrument

The instrument used was an airport profession interest questionnaire developed based on literature and preliminary interviews with aviation experts. This instrument covers various dimensions of interest, such as service skills, training, career development, and interest in the airport work environment. Each item is measured using a 1-5 Likert scale, where 1 indicates “strongly disagree” and 5 indicates “strongly agree”.

Data collection techniques were conducted through surveys administered to respondents. For data analysis, the EFA technique was used with the main statistical model in the form of *Principal Component Analysis* (PCA) and Varimax rotation to maximize the interpretability of the results. *The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin* (KMO) test and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity were conducted to ensure the eligibility of the data for factor analysis.

Figure 1 shows the Average Introduction of Airport Personnel (average introduction to the airport personnel profession) before the material was given, involving 94 grade 12 high school students. This data reflects students' initial understanding of the airport personnel profession, including basic skills, roles, and responsibilities, as well as the work environment in the aviation sector. This average scale is measured based on student responses to the pre-introduction questionnaire with a Likert scale, from "very little understanding" to "very understanding".

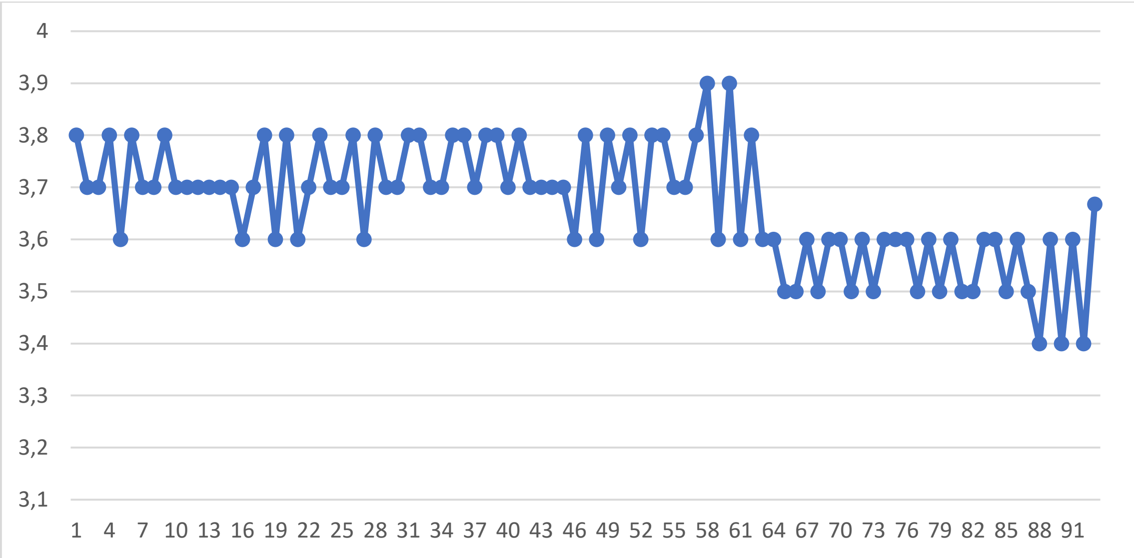

Figure 1. Average Introduction of Airport Personnel before the material

The results in the figure show that the average student understanding is in the medium to low category, indicating that the majority of students do not yet have a deep understanding of work in this sector. This finding is important because it highlights the need for more comprehensive education regarding the airport personnel profession for students who are interested in a career in the aviation sector so that further material can be directed at increasing students' insight and interest in this profession.

Incorporating subjects such as aviation industry knowledge, legal knowledge, and public relations into college programs can bridge the gap between academic training and industry requirements (Yang et al., 2020). Professional Identity Formation, Community of Practice: Engaging students in communities of practice can enhance their professional identity and understanding of the aviation industry, fostering a deeper connection to their future roles (O'Brien & Bates, 2015). Vocational Education and Training (VET), Investment in VET: The aeronautics sector requires a robust vocational education system to supply qualified workers, emphasizing the need for high-quality training programs(Arnaldo, 2017).

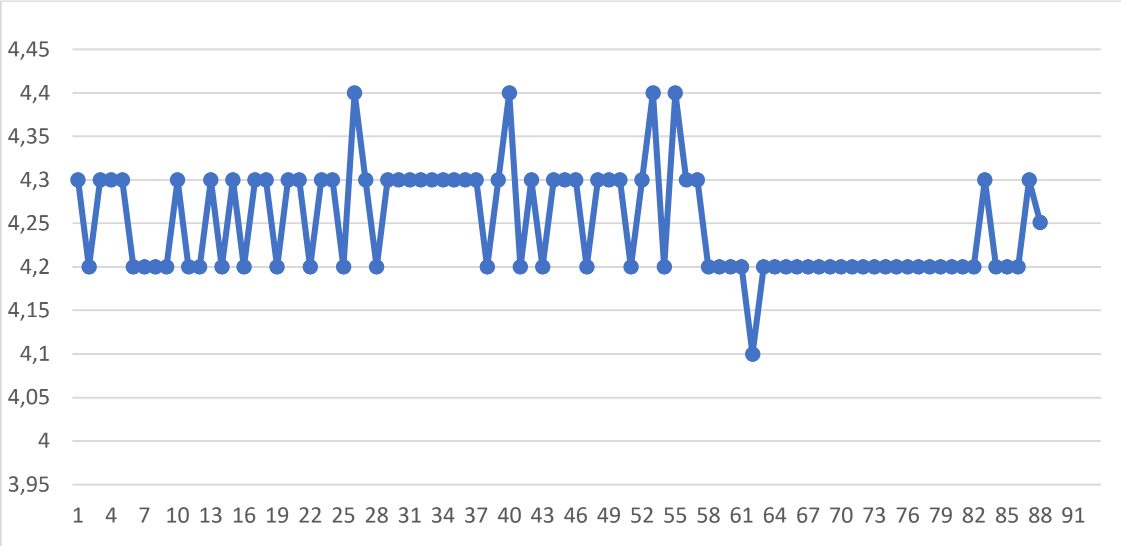

Figure 2. Average Introduction of Airport Personnel after the material

Figure 2 depicts the Average Introduction of Airport Personnel (average introduction to the airport personnel profession) after delivering the material to 94 grade 12 high school students. This data measures the increase in students' understanding of the airport personnel profession, including skills, responsibilities, and work environment, after being given educational material.

The work steps of factor analysis can be broadly classified into several categories as follows: The first step is to compile a data matrix in the form of a correlation matrix between the original variables. The second step is to carry out factor extraction, which is also called the decomposition of the data matrix into factors. The third step is to rotate the factors, and the fourth step is to interpret the rotated factors. Factor analysis is the practice of summarizing a large number of variables into several smaller variables, making it easier to utilize research data.

The KMO and Bartlett tests evaluate all available data collectively. A KMO value that exceeds 0.5 and a Bartlett test significance level below 0.05 indicates that there is a fairly large correlation in the data. Collinearity of variables shows the strength of the correlation between one variable and another variable.

Data analysis

Students' interest in a profession can be an important indicator in preparing them to enter the workforce in the future. In certain professions, such as airport personnel, students' interests need to be measured and understood more deeply because this profession requires special skills and mature readiness. This in-depth understanding of student interests can also help educational institutions and the aviation industry in developing appropriate education or training programs.

In the context of this study, an analysis was conducted to identify the distribution of students' interest in the airport profession among Grade 12 students. The results of the frequency distribution show that students' interest is spread across several varied value ranges, with some ranges showing a high concentration of interest and others showing lower interest. The frequency distribution of student interest shows a mix of high and low-interest ranges, suggesting that while some students are highly motivated, others may require additional encouragement.

Identifying these ranges can help educators tailor programs to address the specific interests and needs of students, potentially increasing engagement in aviation careers. Factors Influencing Interest, Factors such as career values and professional image significantly impact students' commitment to aviation-related majors (Lee, 2024). Educational strategies that enhance the professional image of airport personnel may foster greater interest among students, as seen in other fields like accounting (Yolanda et al., 2025). Implications for Educational Institutions

Educational institutions can utilize this data to design relevant programs that not only inform students about career opportunities but also develop necessary skills for the aviation industry (Sembiring et al., 2024). By understanding the motivations behind career choices, schools can implement effective career orientation strategies that resonate with students' aspirations (Morado-Huerta et al., 2024).

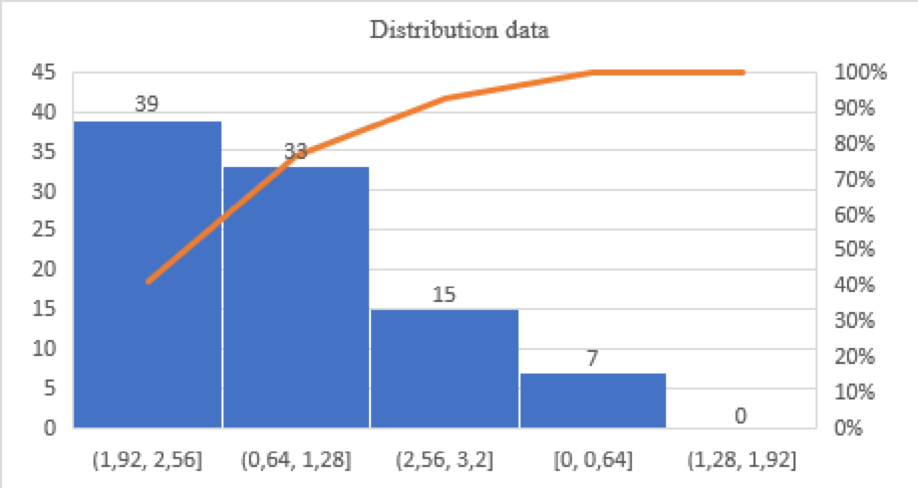

Figure 3. Occurrences within each range

Data displayed in a frequency graph gives an idea of how students' interests are divided by certain ranges. Cumulative distributions are also used to understand the proportion of students who have interests within certain ranges. This approach is important as it can reveal the general trend of students' interest in the profession, whether the majority of students have high or low interest, as well as where most students fall on the interest scale.

This analytical approach can provide a more comprehensive insight into students' overall interest and form the basis for further steps in the development of more accurate interest measurement instruments for specific professions.

Based on the graphs seen, the following is an analysis of the data:

a). Total Frequency: The first range, has the highest frequency with 39 students, the second has a frequency of 33 students, the third has a frequency of 15 students, the fourth has a frequency of 7 students, and the last range has a frequency of 0 students.

b). Cumulative Distribution: The red line graph shows the cumulative distribution of the frequencies, which seems to reach 100% at the end of the range.

c). Cumulative Interpretation: Of the 100% cumulative distribution, the first two ranges (1.92, 2.56) and (0.64, 1.28) cover more than half of the data (about 76%). This indicates that most students have scores within those two initial ranges.

d). Lowest and Highest Scores: The lowest score in the range (1.28, 1.92) has no students, in contrast, the highest score in the range (1.92, 2.56) shows that many students scored high in this interval.

e). General Analysis: The data distribution shows a tendency to accumulate in the early ranges, especially in the ranges (1.92, 2.56) and (0.64, 1.28), with fewer students in the higher or lower ranges of these intervals.

If this graph shows the value of students' interest in the profession of airport personnel, it can be concluded that most students have a fairly high interest within a certain range, but there is a decrease in frequency at higher and lower ranges.

Analysis result

From the results of the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) test, an Overall MSA value of 0.852 was obtained, which indicates that the data is sufficient for exploratory factor analysis (EFA). This value is greater than the 0.5 threshold that is usually used as a minimum criterion, indicating that the data has a strong enough correlation between variables that factor analysis can proceed.

Table 1. KMO Test

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Test

	MSA
Overall MSA	0.852
Item1	0.763
Item2	0.766
Item3	0.936
Item4	0.765
Item5	0.865
Item6	0.775
Item7	0.871
Item8	0.892
Item9	0.910
Item10	0.895
Item11	0.883
Item12	0.876
Item13	0.868
Item14	0.760
Item15	0.878
Item16	0.729

In greater detail: Items with high MSA values (0.9) are as follows: Item 3 and Item 9 exhibited the highest MSA value of 0.9. This value indicates that these two items are highly suitable for use in factor analysis, as they exhibit a strong degree of congruence with the other data in the instrument set. This may be indicative of the fact that items 3 and 9 are of particular relevance or importance in terms of describing students' interest in the airport profession, and thus have the potential to become a dominant factor in the analysis.

Items with a Moderate MSA Value (0.8): The remaining items, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15, have an MSA value of 0.8. This suggests that these items are also appropriate for factor analysis and are likely to be moderately correlated with certain factors that will emerge. This category indicates that these items play a notable role, although perhaps not to the same extent as items 3 and 9. This may be attributed to the influence of more specific factors or variations in student interest in certain aspects of airport work.

Items with an MSA value of 0.7 are deemed to be of fair quality. The MSA values for items 1, 2, 4, 6, 14, and 16 are 0.7. Although these items are at a lower level, further analysis is warranted. However, their contribution to the factor structure may be weaker than items with higher MSA values. The slightly lower values could indicate that the items are less relevant or represent more specific or less common dimensions of interest among students.

Data Suitability Test: Carrying out the *Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin* (KMO) test to measure sample adequacy and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity to test the suitability of the data with factor analysis. KMO > 0.5 and the significance results from Bartlett's test indicate the data is suitable for factor analysis.

Table 2. Chi-squared Test

Chi-squared Test

	Value	df	p
Model	54.552	62	0.738

The interpretations of these results are:
1) The Chi-squared value (54.552) with degrees of freedom (df) of 62 indicates the calculation of the Chi-squared test statistic based on the measured data. This value is to assess how much difference there is between the observed data and the expected model.
2) p-value of 0.738: This high p-value (greater than the common significance level such as 0.05) indicates that the Chi-squared test result is not statistically significant. That is, there is no significant difference between the observed and expected data. The model used is a good fit for this data, and there is no evidence to reject the null hypothesis.

In conclusion, the tested model most likely fits the data, as there is no significant difference between the observed data and the model's expectation.

Table 3. Loadings Factor

Factor Loadings

	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Uniqueness
Item7	0.698				0.406
Item3	0.678				0.463
Item8	0.634		0.305		0.385
Item10	0.610				0.481
Item15	-0.541				0.655
Item11	0.486	0.559			0.432
Item9	0.424				0.651
Item12	0.353		0.595		0.497
Item1	0.343			0.794	0.234
Item13	0.336		0.604		0.505
Item2	0.328			0.696	0.374
Item5	0.326	0.735			0.307
Item6		0.564			0.658
Item16		0.473			0.727
Item4		0.358		0.423	0.677
Item14			0.811		0.299

Note:. The applied rotation method is varimax.

The Factor Loading results show the distribution of variables (items) against the four identified factors, as well as the Uniqueness of each item, which measures the proportion of variance that cannot be explained by the extracted factors. The following is an analysis of these results:

1). Identified Factors: Factor 1 has high loadings on some items, such as Item7 (0.698), Item3 (0.678), and Item8 (0.634), which indicates that these items are more related to the first factor, Factor 2 shows the highest loading on Item5 (0.735) and also has a contribution on Item11 (0. 559), which indicates another clustering in the data, Factor 3 has significant loadings on Item14 (0.811) and also on Item12 (0.595) and Item13 (0.604), which indicates that these variables correspond more to the third factor, Factor 4 shows higher loadings on Item1 (0.794) and Item2 (0.696), which cluster on the fourth factor.

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3). Varimax rotation: Varimax rotation is applied to facilitate interpretation by maximizing factor loadings for specific items, so that each item is more connected to one specific factor, making the factor structure easier to understand.

4). Practical Interpretation: Based on these results, you can identify the most relevant factors based on the grouping of variables with the highest loadings on the factor. High uniqueness can help to determine whether certain items do not fit the proposed model or may require revision.

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Item16	0.473

Note:. The applied rotation method is varimax.

Here is the interpretation of the Loadings Factor (Structure Matrix):

1). Distribution Of Factors:

a) Factor 1 has quite high loadings on several items, including Item1 (0.343), Item2 (0.328), Item3 (0.678), Item7 (0.698), Item8 (0.634), Item9 (0.424), and Item10 (0.610). This suggests that Factor 1 has a large influence on these variables, so there may be a common theme linking the items.

b) Factor 2 has the highest loadings in Item 5 (0.735), Item 6 (0.564), Item 11 (0.559), and Item 16 (0.473). These variables tend to cluster on the second factor, indicating the existence of a different concept or dimension than Factor 1.

c) Factor 3 has high loadings on Item12 (0.595), Item13 (0.604), and Item14 (0.811). This factor seems to capture the different dimensions that focus on these items.

d) Factor 4 mainly contains Item 1 (0.794), Item 2 (0.696), and Item 4 (0.423). This factor seems to group variables that are slightly different from the rest of the factors.

2). Unique Interpretation Of Factors :

a) Factor 1 may be related to variables that have strong general characteristics, as it includes more items with high loadings.

b) Factor 2 includes items that may have a moderate relationship, such as Item 5, Item 6, and Item 16. This can reflect a more specific concept or dimension.

c) Factor 3 shows a strong focus on Item 14 (0.811), which may indicate that this factor is very specific and has a certain relevance only for some items.

d) Factor 4 seems to group variables that are only weakly related to other factors since items such as Item1 and Item2 have higher loadings on this factor.

3). Use of Varimax rotation: the Varimax rotation method is applied to maximize interpretation by minimizing the complexity of factors so that each item is more related to one main factor. This helps to facilitate the interpretation of factor structures.

4). Conclusion: Factor 1 appears to be the most dominant in this data, with many variables having a high loading on this factor. Factor 2, Factor 3, and Factor 4 reflect more specific dimensions and can be interpreted as different categories or more specific concepts. These results provide a basis for understanding data structures based on the identified factors and help to interpret the relevant concepts represented by each factor. Interpretation of factors needs to be done by considering the context of the study so that the meaning of each factor can be understood properly.

Table 5. Correlations Factor

Factor Correlations

	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4
Factor 1	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Factor 2	0.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
Factor 3	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Factor 4	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000

The results of the correlation factors showed that each factor (Factor 1, Factor 2, Factor 3, and Factor 4) did not correlate with each other. Here is a more detailed interpretation:

a). Inter-factor correlations: The inter-factor correlations are all worth 0.000, which indicates that no relationship or correlation between factors has been identified. This means that each factor stands alone and is not interconnected in explaining the variables in this analysis.
b). Factor independence: since these factors are not correlated, each of them can be considered an independent construct. Each factor represents a unique dimension of the data collected. This Independence between factors indicates that the different dimensions in the data may not have a significant relationship in explaining the overall variability of the data.
c). Conclusion: these results support the interpretation that the identified factors are completely separate in the data structure. This analysis showed that the use of Varimax rotation managed to maximize the independence between factors. In the context of interpretation, these results allow us to analyze each factor separately without the need to consider the interaction between factors.

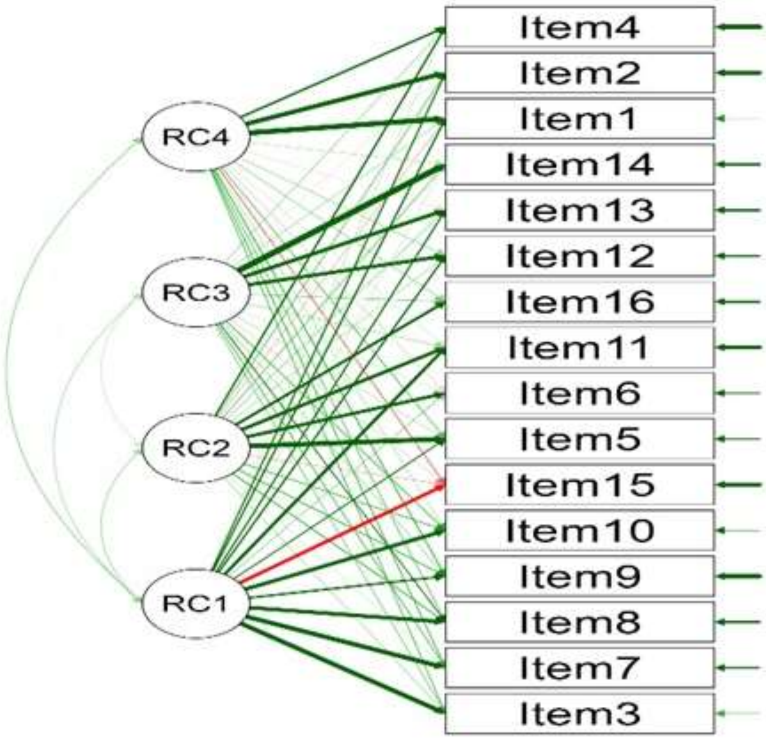

Figure 4. Path Diagram

A path diagram illustrating factor analysis or structural equation modeling (SEM). This diagram shows how different items are related to several latent variables or factors (e.g., RC1, RC2, RC3, RC4). The bold green arrow color code indicates the strength or direction of the relationship between the item and the factor, while the red color potentially indicates a weaker or negative correlation and the green color indicates a stronger positive association.

Discussion

Based on the initial results of the questionnaire, students have a diverse understanding of professions in the airport sector, which is then enriched through the delivery of educational material. Through the application of EFA, this research identified the main dimensions that influence students' interest in the airport profession, such as service skills, communication skills, and interest in the work environment. This discussion explores the relationship between the results of factor analysis and relevant career interest theories and their implications in designing career guidance programs in schools.

EFA is a useful tool for identifying the underlying factor structures that emerge from the data without the need for the prior hypothesis. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sample Adequacy is a statistic that can help indicate the proportion of variance in your variables that may be due to underlying factors. A high value (close to 1.0) is often an indicator of a well-defined underlying structure.

Conclusion

The objective of *Exploratory Factor Analysis* (EFA) is to ascertain the viability of the data set, utilizing the *Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin* (KMO) and *Measure of Sampling Adequacy* (MSA) tests. The KMO test results demonstrated that the MSA values for the items in this instrument ranged from 0.7 to 0.9, all of which were within the recommended range (>0.5), indicating that the data were of sufficient quality to proceed with factor analysis. In general, KMO values between 0.8 and 1 indicate adequate sampling. Values below 0.6 indicate inadequate sampling and corrective action should be taken. Overall, these MSA values confirmed the appropriateness of the data for further factor analysis. The differences in MSA values suggest that some items more strongly describe students' interest in the airport personnel profession. This study successfully validated an instrument for the assessment of 12th-grade high school student's interest in the airport personnel profession, employing the EFA approach. The results of the factor analysis demonstrated the existence of multiple significant dimensions that reflect students' interests, including service skills, interest in the work environment, and career development. It is anticipated that this instrument will serve as a valuable tool for educational institutions and the aviation industry alike, facilitating the identification of students' interest and preparedness for airport careers. Instruments like the SETPOINT model scales have shown robust criterion-related validity, enhancing their applicability in both academic and professional settings. Comprehensive Measurement, The CPS-15F incorporates Holland's theory, providing a nuanced understanding of career interests through 15 sub-factors, which allows for detailed profiling of professional preferences. The employee interest scale developed by Piwowar-Sulej and Cierniak-Emerych includes multiple dimensions, ensuring a holistic approach to measuring employee interests. Practical Applications, Validated instruments can be utilized in various contexts, such as educational settings and human resource management, to align career guidance with individual interests and competencies.

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