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Development of a Scale for Measuring the Competencies of Islamic Counselors

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Abstract

The competence of an individual's personality is a crucial aspect in determining the success of guidance and counseling services. It is important to measure the personality competence of Islamic counselors to assess their preparedness to fulfill their responsibilities in the workplace. This measurement serves as a benchmark for the quality of prospective Islamic counselors and can be used as an evaluation tool. The objective of this study is to develop a scale to measure the personality competence of prospective Islamic counselors based on the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), the American Counseling Association (ACA), and the Minister of National Education Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 27 Year 2008 related to counselor competencies. The study employed a qualitative approach in formulating statement items and a quantitative approach to test the internal validity of the scale. The internal validity was confirmed through V-Aiken analysis and Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) using the Kaiser Meyer Olkin (KMO) test. Additionally, the reliability of the scale was tested using the Cronbach Alpha method. The results showed that the Islamic counselor personality competence scale was declared to be valid and reliable for all indicators and items.

INTRODUCTION

Building student independence competencies requires educators who are competent in pedagogy, personality, social, and professional aspects (ABKIN, 2018). A counselor should possess these four competencies and display good personality traits, stability, maturity, skill, and wisdom (Puji & Lestari, 2021). Personality competence is an important aspect that is developed through self-reflection, self-motivation, and personal growth (Blašková et al., 2014). It is also influenced by biological and environmental factors (Irina, 2011). Formal education plays a role in shaping the personality of prospective counselors.

The quality of guidance and counseling services (BK) is influenced by the personal characteristics of the counselor (Guillén & Saris, 2013; Makhmudah, 2017) and is a determining factor for the quality of the services (Zaini & Nita, 2017). According to Glading (2015), the counselor's personal integrity is more important than formal education, knowledge, or technical expertise in providing counseling services. Additionally, cognitive ability does not guarantee the ability to control one's personality (Rammstedt & John, 2007). However, using personality as a tool for general employee selection is not recommended (O'Reilly, 1977). On the other hand, other research supports the importance of personality in performance results, especially when viewed from a motivational perspective (Barrick et al., 2012). Counselees who are facing problems often resort to negative behavior as a form of compensation (Nuridin & Anwar, 2019;

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Riswanto, 2019). Counselors play a crucial role in providing support to these individuals. The presence of qualified counselors is an urgent need in the community (Daulay, 2019). The solution to increasingly complex problems is the presence of a counselor with an Islamic personality (Zaini & Nita, 2017).

Islamic counseling services in schools aim to assist students in aligning their learning activities with the goals of Islamic education, which are to fulfill the mandate of being an abdullah and khalifatullah, leading to happiness and safety in this world and the hereafter (Sutoyo, 2017). The ultimate goal of counseling is to help counselees recognize their potential and understand that religious teachings are not just worship guidelines, but also solutions for life (E Ermalianti & Ramadan, 2022). This goal can be achieved by having a counselor with an Islamic personality.

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has formulated six counselor competencies (Curry & Milsom, 2018). In terms of personality competence, these include a commitment to helping others, empathy, respect for individuality, self-awareness, acceptance of oneself, respect for freedom of choice, effective communication, creativity, a sense of humor, belief in the positive potential of others, sensitivity to others, etc. This formulation serves as a basis for determining the counselor's competence in terms of mindset and behavior. In terms of mindset, school counselors believe in the ability of every student to learn and succeed and have access to quality education (Ryan, 1975). In terms of behavior, school counselors demonstrate standards such as designing, implementing, and assessing school counseling programs.

The ASCA and the ACA acknowledge the significance of certain personality traits, such as empathy, self-acceptance, and ethical conduct, in the role of a counselor. These qualities are considered crucial for establishing a positive therapeutic relationship and ensuring client well-being (Rahardjo, 2017). The personality competencies formulated by ASCA and ACA align with the Minister of National Education Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 27 Year 2008, which outlines the competencies required of counselors in Indonesia. The regulation is influenced by Pancasila, the Indonesian state philosophy that places emphasis on the belief in one God. However, the development of a valid and reliable instrument for assessing the personality competencies of Islamic counselors, referred to as KKKI, remains a challenge.

In Romania, the school-based counseling program has progressed with the implementation of the Education Law 84/1995, which highlights the importance of counseling services for students, parents, and educational personnel. However, the question of defining the identity and ensuring the quality of Romanian counselors arose in 2006, leading to the creation of a national certification process that requires applicants to meet specific criteria such as practical experience, completion of assessment and supervision coursework, and adherence to a code of ethics. Despite these efforts, the development of counselor personality competence is not specifically addressed in this process (Szilagyi & Paredes, 2010).

Similarly, counseling services in other countries have been developed using the same strategy as the United States, and it can be assumed that the personality competencies of counselors are in line with the concepts of ACA and ASCA. Competence in counseling takes the form of Multicultural Counseling Competencies (MCC) as outlined by Sue et al. (1992), and the concept of social justice counseling competencies was introduced in Boston. This approach prioritizes the need for counselors to possess the skills and knowledge to address issues of oppression and discrimination in the counseling process and advocate for social change in society, promoting equity and justice for all clients (Field et al., 2019).

Personality is a multi-faceted concept encompassing physical, psychological, and sociological dimensions (Saucier & Srivastava, 2014). To measure personality traits, the Neo Five Factor Inventory (NEO-FFI) is widely utilized (Rammstedt & John, 2007). The five dimensions of this model are neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness,

and conscientiousness, which were originally identified by Cattell (1943) through a reduction process from 4,500 items to 35 variables and finally to 12 factors (Goldberg, 1990).

The 240-item NEO Personality Inventory (Costa & Mccrae, 2012) is another popular instrument for measuring personality traits, but it has been revised to become the NEO-PI-R (Othman et al., 2014). However, this model has been criticized for its lack of consideration of cultural effects on personality traits (Costa & Mccrae, 2012). To address this issue, personality assessments that are more culturally appropriate have been developed, such as the Chinese Personality Assessment Inventory (CPAI) and the South African Personality Inventory (SAPI) (Cheung et al., 1996). Mastor et al. (2000) also conducted research on Malay personality.

Recent research (De Raad et al., 2010) suggests that only three personality factors can be replicated across languages and cultures, emphasizing the need for personality assessment instruments that cater to non-Western cultures. Another commonly used personality assessment tool is the IPIP-International Collection of Personality Inventory (Goldberg, 1990). The study of personality has been approached in different ways by various researchers. The HEXACO Model (Ashton & Lee, 2008) encompasses the dimensions of Honesty, Humility, Emotionality, Extraversion, Agreeableness, Conscientiousness, and Openness. Another model, the RIASEC (Hogan & Holland, 2003), categorizes personality into Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional.

Personality is a dynamic construct that can change and develop over time (Mammadov, 2022). This development can encompass a person's attitudes, expressions, feelings, and behavior (Faturohman & Sciences, 2021). These behaviors can be observed in everyday life and during the counseling process (Lianasari & Purwati, 2022). Willis (2011) identifies 13 personality traits, which align with the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture's (Riswanto, 2019) formulation of 13 personality traits. Similarly, Glading (2015) formulates seven ideal personality traits, while Hartono (2019) focus on the personal integrity of the counselor.

In the context of Islamic counseling, the personality competencies of Islamic counselors have been referred to as *At-Tawazun* (Arifin & Zaini, 2014). Ardimen (2018) highlights 16 personality competencies of Asmaul Husna, including 7 criteria, while Zuhal (2022) emphasizes 6 competencies related to the roles of Abdullah and Khalifatullah. The measurement of competency in Islamic counselors is an important process that helps to assess the number of Islamic personality traits they possess, based on established criteria. This information is crucial for policy making in education (Lupyanto & Dwikurnaningsih, 2014). The competency measurement can highlight the development of Islamic personality traits in counselors or prospective counselor students and identify differences between them. The collected data can serve as an indicator of the success or failure of the BK Study Program.

However, there are some errors in the competency measurement process. These errors can include the fluctuating mental or emotional state of the counselor, a lack of comprehensive measurement tools, and items that are difficult for the counselor to understand, resulting in inaccurate results (Lupyanto & Dwikurnaningsih, 2014). Measurement of personality competence in prospective counselors is still limited. Lupyanto's (2014) research at Satya Wacana Christian University (UKSW) BK Study Program did not use a personality competence scale. Instead, the research led to the development of an application that was tested for its content and objectives, quality of instruction, and quality of technique. The design was validated by inviting two BK experts to assess the content and an Information and Technology (IT) experts.

Rationale of the study

Counselors are expected to serve as role models for their clients (Zaini & Nita, 2017). Muslim counselors possess Islamic personality competencies that distinguish them from other

counselors who do not adhere to eastern ethical principles (Riswanto et al., 2016). The secular Western culture of character development does not require belief in God, and personality is viewed only as the ability to follow a code of ethics during counseling services (Othman et al., 2014; Szilagyi & Paredes, 2010).

Counselor personality is often discussed in the context of Multicultural Counseling Competencies (Casas et al., 2021; Erickson Cornish et al., 2014; Mollen et al., 2011; Ratts et al., 2016; SUE et al., 1992). Openness to religious diversity, culture, and life choices without imposing one's own religious values is crucial for counselors (FUKUYAMA, 1990; Ratts et al., 2016; Richardson & Molinaro, 1996; Tosi, 1991). Multicultural counseling has expanded to include not only racial and ethnic minorities, but also women, gays and lesbians, and other special populations.

Research has been conducted on prospective counselor students and their competence in multicultural counseling (Collins et al., 2015; Hipolito-delgado et al., 2011; Prosek & Michel, 2016). Career counselors' competence (Neault, 2014) and the personality of professional counselors and service organizations (Prasath et al., 2021) have also been studied and serve as criteria for professional counselors (Doraiswamy et al., 2012). The concept of personality is not always consistent with Islamic culture and teachings. According to Al-Ghazali, someone's heart must be obedient to Allah and happy in his devotion to attain light through worship and good deeds. On the contrary, a heart that is disobedient to Allah will have a vile nature and will leave a negative impact on the person's personality. Personality assessment tools that do not reflect the Islamic concept of personality cannot accurately measure the personality of Muslim counsellors.

Counselors with a desirable personality can increase students' interest in counseling services (Fatchurahman & Bulkani, 2018; Fatmawijaya, 2015; Roemer et al., 2022). A counselor's individual personality is a key factor in providing effective counseling services (Haolah et al., 2018) and can lead to optimal counseling outcomes (Kurniasih et al., 2020). Counselors with good personalities also serve as positive role models for their clients (Fitri, M., Dahliana, D., & Nurdin, 2017; Putri, 2016), especially for teenagers (Kowal et al., 2020), who consider a counselor's role as a role model to be a crucial aspect of their competence.

Personality competence has been linked to various factors, including cognitive abilities (Boe, 1964; Borghans et al., 2016; Lechner et al., 2017; Mammadov, 2022; Poropat, 2009; Zhang & Ziegler, 2016), health (Arthur & Graziano, 1996; Bogg & Roberts, 2004; Rammstedt & John, 2007; Rasmussen et al., 2009), and job performance (Hogan & Holland, 2003). The personality of an Islamic counselor can be shaped according to the teachings of Buya Hamka (Syariful, 2019), Sheikh Muhammad Arsyad Al-Banjari's character education (Khairullah & Ridhani, 2018), and the values in the poem "*Qasidah ya ar hamar rohimin*" by Habib Abdullah bin Husain bin Thohir Baa Alawi (Husain et al., 2022).

However, current counselor personality competency scales have not yet been integrated with Islamic personality (Utami, 2021). In a study of junior high school counselors and equivalent in Citeuerup, the highest score in the personality competency category was faith and piety to God Almighty (Rini et al., 2016). Similarly, research found that the personality competence of BK students at Syiah Kuala University is only approximately 16.8% (Fadhlina et al., 2020), suggesting the need for improvement. A study of 120 counseling students analyzed the relationship between basic knowledge, basic communication skills, and cultural skills on counseling competence (Setiyowati et al., 2019).

Integrating the counselor's personality competence with Islamic personality has been explored in several studies. Counselors with integrity have been found to display good attitudes and performance (Haryati, 2020), and Islamic morals have been identified as the foundation for a Muslim counselor's assistance to counselees (Ermalianti, 2021). Additionally, the Islamic Personality Scale (IPS) has been developed based on the personality theory framework of

Mutmainnah, Lawwamah, and Ammarah (Farmawati & Hidayati, 2019). The dimensions of counselor competence in Iran have also been examined from the perspective of successful counselors at the Syamim Sepah Counseling Center (Karami & Choupani, 2020). However, the integration of the Islamic counselor personality competency scale with the concepts formulated by ASCA, ACA, and Permendikbud No. 27 of 2008 is still open for research.

Purpose of the study

The aim of this study is to establish a standardized personality competency scale for Islamic counselors. This involves examining the existing scales for counselor personality competence and integrating them with Islamic personality concepts and values. The goal is to provide a tool for measuring the personality competencies of Islamic counselors, which can help to improve the quality of counseling services provided to individuals and communities. The standardization of the personality competency scale is critical in ensuring that the counselors have the necessary qualities and skills to effectively carry out their duties, while maintaining their adherence to Islamic values and principles.

METHODS

Stage 1 of the Study: Items writing and content validity *Participants*

The validity and reliability of the proposed Islamic counselor personality competency scale was determined through a multi-step process. Firstly, it was reviewed by five experts with expertise in language, Islamic education, philosophy of Islamic education, Islamic communication, and Islamic counseling. Additionally, two counselor lecturers also provided their insights. Secondly, the scale was evaluated by 30 experts in the field of Islamic BK (BKI). Finally, its validity and reliability were assessed by administering the scale to 166 prospective Islamic counselor students.

Instrument

The Islamic counselor personality competency (KKKI) scale consists of 67 items that have been reduced from 14 indicators and 4 aspects, using a Likert scale. Three sample statements from the scale include: a) Maintaining unwavering faith in Allah SWT, free from shirk and superstition, as the primary foundation in fulfilling the role as a counselor, b) Demonstrating creativity and determination in carrying out responsibilities as a counselor, as a form of religious obligation, c) Displaying a neat and modest appearance through the wearing of Islamic attire in accordance with the Sunnah.

Procedures

The validity of the Islamic counselor's personality competency scale was tested through two steps: content validity and construct validity. Content validity focuses on the elements within the scale and is assessed through rational analysis and expert opinion in relevant fields (Azwar, 2015; Coaley, 2012).

In the first stage of content validity, the scale and instrument grids were validated by five experts in language, Islamic education, the philosophy of Islamic education, Islamic communication, and Islamic counseling, as well as two additional lecturer-counselors. Following this, the scale was further assessed by 30 experts in BKI. This stage resulted in the revision of 9 existing items and the addition of 2 new items. The final scale consisted of 76 items and was evaluated using a Likert scale (very good to not good) by 30 BKI Masters graduates, with data collected using Google forms and processed using Aiken's V.

The second stage, construct validity, tested the scale's 67 items using a 4-point alternative answer format (very capable, capable, less able, and unable) on 166 students in BKI and BKPI.

Data was collected through Google forms and analyzed using confirmatory factor analysis (CFA). The reliability of the items was also assessed using Cronbach Alpha. The results of the 166 students were recorded on a Google sheet.

Stage 2 of the Study

Participants

The participants in this study consisted of 30 experts in BKI, who were graduates of the Master's program at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, with a majority being lecturers at Islamic Religious Colleges (PTAI). The participants were a mix of male and female, with an age range of 35-45 years. Additionally, 166 BKI and BKPI students in their fourth and sixth semesters, with a mix of male and female and an age range of 21-25 years, also participated in the study. All participants had given their consent to participate and data was collected through a Google form.

Data Analysis

The validity of the scale was tested using V-Aiken analysis (1985), which calculates the content validity coefficient and assesses the extent to which the scale items accurately reflect the construct being measured (Hendryadi, 2017). This scale comprises four aspects with 18 indicators, and the Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was performed to determine the appropriate measurement model. The CFA process requires adequate sampling (Hair et al., 2010) and employs Kaiser-Meyer Olkin (KMO) analysis to assess the normality of the data. If the number of items on the scale is unequal among the indicators, standardized data (Z and T) is used, followed by the Bartlett's Chi-Square test. Finally, the reliability of the scale is determined through Cronbach's Alpha.

Limitations of the methodology

The Islamic counselor's personality competency scale remains open for further validation, including analysis using the Content Validity Index (CVI) and Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA), as well as testing using Amos software.

Table 1. Test Content Validity Using V Aiken

| Item No. | ΣS | n(c-1) | V | Description |
|----------|----|--------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | 87 | 90 | .966667 | Height |
| 2 | 88 | 90 | .977778 | Height |
| 3 | 86 | 90 | .955556 | Height |
| 4 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 5 | 89 | 90 | .988889 | Height |
| 6 | 86 | 90 | .955556 | Height |
| 7 | 87 | 90 | .966667 | Height |
| 8 | 84 | 90 | .933333 | Height |
| 9 | 84 | 90 | .933333 | Height |
| 10 | 87 | 90 | .966667 | Height |
| 11 | 85 | 90 | .944444 | Height |
| 12 | 86 | 90 | .955556 | Height |
| 13 | 82 | 90 | .911111 | Height |
| 14 | 83 | 90 | .922222 | Height |
| 15 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 16 | 83 | 90 | .922222 | Height |
| 17 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 18 | 74 | 90 | .822222 | Medium |
| 19 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 20 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 21 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 22 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |

| Item No. | ΣS | n(c-1) | V | Description |
|----------|------------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| 23 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 24 | 81 | 90 | .9 | Height |
| 25 | 80 | 90 | .88889 | Height |
| 26 | 84 | 90 | .933333 | Height |
| 27 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 28 | 82 | 90 | .911111 | Height |
| 29 | 81 | 90 | .9 | Height |
| 30 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 31 | 76 | 90 | .844444 | Medium |
| 32 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 33 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 34 | 85 | 90 | .944444 | _ |
| 35 | | | | Height |
| | 83 | 90 | .922222 | Height |
| 36 | 83 | 90 | .922222 | Height |
| 37 | 75 | 90 | .833333 | Medium |
| 38 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 39 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 40 | 82 | 90 | .911111 | Height |
| 41 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 42 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 43 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 44 | 80 | 90 | .88889 | Height |
| 45 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 46 | 75 | 90 | .833333 | Medium |
| 47 | 74 | 90 | .822222 | Medium |
| 48 | 74 | 90 | .822222 | Medium |
| 49 | 84 | 90 | .933333 | Height |
| 50 | 86 | 90 | .955556 | Height |
| 51 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 52 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 53 | 7 <i>9</i> 76 | 90 | .844444 | Medium |
| 53 54 | 70 77 | 90 | | |
| | | | .855556 | Medium |
| 55 | 76 | 90 | .844444 | Medium |
| 56 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 57 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 58 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 59 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 60 | 81 | 90 | .9 | Height |
| 61 | 81 | 90 | .9 | Height |
| 62 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 63 | 72 | 90 | .8 | Medium |
| 64 | 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| 65 | 81 | 90 | .9 | Height |
| 66 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 67 | 76 | 90 | .844444 | Medium |
| 68 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 69 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 70 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 71 | 80 | 90 | .888889 | Height |
| 72 | 78 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 73 | 78 79 | 90 | .877778 | Medium |
| | | | | |
| 74 75 | 77 | 90 | .855556 | Medium |
| 75 76 | 78 75 | 90 | .866667 | Medium |
| 76 | 75 | 90 | .833333 | Medium |

Table 2. Aiken's V and KMO Test Results

| Items | ΣS | V | KMO | p |
|-----------|------------|---------|------|------|
| Item 1-76 | 6078 | .888596 | .902 | .000 |

Tabel 3. Islamic Counselor Personality Competency Scale Blue Print

| No | Aspects | Indicator | Items |
|----|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Believing and fearing Allah SWT | Showing a personality that has faith and piety to Allah SWT: | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 |
| | - | Consistency in religious life | 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,16,17, 75 |
| | | Tolerant of followers of other religions | 27, 31 |
| | | Noble and virtuous character | 23, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, |
| | | | 39, 40, 42, 48, 49, 50, |
| | | | 51 |
| 2 | Respect and uphold human values, individuality and | Apply a positive and dynamic view of human beings as spiritual, moral, social, individual and potential beings | 25, 18, 63 |
| | freedom of choice: | Appreciate and develop the positive potential of individuals in general and counselees in particular | 71, 32 |
| | | care for the benefit of humans in general and counselees in particular | 44, 45, 46, 47 |
| | | Uphold human dignity in accordance with their human rights | 41, 28, 26 |
| | | Tolerant of counselee problems | 30, 29 |
| | | Be democratic | 43, 65 |
| 3 | Demonstrates strong personality | Display commendable personality and behavior | 21, 53, 54, 59, 61, 66, 70 |
| | integrity and | Displays stable emotions | 60, 72, 68, 58 |
| | stability | Be sensitive, empathetic and respect diversity and change | 57 |
| | | Displays a high tolerance for counselees who deal with stress and frustration | 69, 67 |
| 4 | Features high quality performance | Displays smart, creative, innovative and productive actions | 8, 22, 55, 56 |
| | 1 11 | Passionate, disciplined, and independent | 24, 62, 19 |
| | | Good looking and fun | 52, 64, 38 |
| | | Communicate effectively | 73, 20, 74 |

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The Islamic counselor personality competency scale, which consists of 67 items derived from 14 indicators, has undergone both content and construct validity tests. The content validity was tested by 5 experts and 30 BKI Master's graduates and was processed using Aiken's V, resulting in a high category value of .8886. The construct validity test was performed on 166 BKI and BKPI students and processed using CFA. The sample adequacy was evaluated using the Kaiser-Meyer Olkin test with a result of .902, and the Barlet Test Chi-Square result was 8175.956 with a significance of .000. The anti-image correlation of all items was greater than .50, with a range of .831 - .932, indicating that all items were valid. The reliability of the scale was tested using Cronbach's Alpha, resulting in a value of .977, which is higher than .70, indicating that the Islamic counselor personality competency scale is reliable (Hendryadi, 2017).

Discussion

The results of the V-Aiken test indicated that the item values range from .83333, which is considered medium, to .98889, which is considered high. Out of the total items, 40 were classified as medium and 36 were classified as high, indicating the validity of all items

(Hendryadi, 2017). Additionally, a re-analysis was performed on items with medium validity values. It was discovered that nine items had similar meanings. Given the large number of items in the scale, these nine items were removed, and the scale was reassessed with 67 items on 166 BKI and BKPI students.

Additionally, the 67-item scale underwent a KMO test, which revealed a value of .902, greater than the required .50. This indicates that the sample size is sufficient for conducting a Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) test (Hair et al., 2010). The results of the Barlett Chi-Square test also indicated that the data met the required standards, with a significance value of .000. The standard loading factor was .45, with a sample size of N = 166.

Table 4. Anti Image Correlation Score ($\alpha = .977$)

| No | Item Labels | Anti Image Correlation Score | Description |
|----|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Menampilkan 1 | .877 | Meets > .45 |
| 2 | Menampilkan 2 | .900 | Meets > .45 |
| 3 | Menampilkan 3 | .893 | Meets > .45 |
| 4 | Menampilkan 4 | .832 | Meets > .45 |
| 5 | Menampilkan 5 | .870 | Meets > .45 |
| 6 | Menampilkan 6 | .909 | Meets > .45 |
| 7 | Menampilkan 7 | .911 | Meets > .45 |
| 8 | Menampilkan 8 | .878 | Meets > .45 |
| 9 | Konsisten 1 | .861 | Meets > .45 |
| 10 | Konsisten 2 | .886 | Meets > .45 |
| 11 | Konsisten 3 | .846 | Meets > .45 |
| 12 | Konsisten 4 | .890 | Meets > .45 |
| 13 | Toleran 1 | .837 | Meets > .45 |
| 14 | Toleran 2 | .868 | Meets > .45 |
| 15 | Berakhlak 1 | .923 | Meets > .45 |
| 16 | Berakhlak 2 | .913 | Meets > .45 |
| 17 | Berakhlak 3 | .848 | Meets > .45 |
| 18 | Berakhlak 4 | .886 | Meets > .45 |
| 19 | Berakhlak 5 | .932 | Meets > .45 |
| 20 | Berakhlak 6 | .933 | Meets > .45 |
| 21 | Berakhlak 7 | .888 | Meets > .45 |
| 22 | Berakhlak 8 | .884 | Meets > .45 |
| 23 | Berakhlak 9 | .861 | Meets > .45 |
| 24 | Berakhlak 10 | .884 | Meets > .45 |
| 25 | Berakhlak 11 | .896 | Meets > .45 |
| 26 | Berakhlak 12 | .936 | Meets > .45 |
| 27 | Berakhlak 13 | .885 | Meets > .45 |
| 28 | Mengaplikasikan 1 | .918 | Meets > .45 |
| 29 | Mengaplikasikan 2 | .883 | Meets > .45 |
| 30 | Menghargai 1 | .886 | Meets > .45 |
| 31 | Menghargai 2 | .884 | Meets > .45 |
| 32 | Peduli 1 | .898 | Meets > .45 |
| 33 | Peduli 2 | .850 | Meets > .45 |
| 34 | Peduli 3 | .904 | Meets > .45 |
| 35 | Peduli 4 | .878 | Meets > .45 |
| 36 | Menjunjung 1 | .923 | Meets > .45 |
| 37 | Menjunjung 2 | .953 | Meets > .45 |
| 38 | Menjunjung 3 | .891 | Meets > .45 |
| 39 | Memahami 1 | .929 | Meets > .45 |
| 40 | Memahami 2 | .906 | Meets > .45 |
| 41 | Demokratis 1 | .924 | Meets > .45 |
| 42 | Demokratis 2 | .910 | Meets > .45 |
| 43 | Perilaku Terpuji 1 | .935 | Meets > .45 |
| 44 | Perilaku Terpuji 2 | .929 | Meets > .45 |
| 45 | Perilaku Terpuji 3 | .916 | Meets > .45 |
| 46 | Perilaku Terpuji 4 | .893 | Meets > .45 |

| No | Item Labels | Anti Image Correlation Score | Description |
|----|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 47 | Perilaku Terpuji 5 | .918 | Meets > .45 |
| 48 | Perilaku Terpuji 6 | .893 | Meets > .45 |
| 49 | Emosi Stabil 1 | .894 | Meets > .45 |
| 50 | Emosi Stabil 2 | .888 | Meets > .45 |
| 51 | Emosi Stabil 3 | .917 | Meets > .45 |
| 52 | Emosi Stabil 4 | .952 | Meets > .45 |
| 53 | Peka 1 | .909 | Meets > .45 |
| 54 | Terbuka terhadap konseli stres 1 | .900 | Meets > .45 |
| 55 | Terbuka terhadap konseli stres 2 | .831 | Meets > .45 |
| 56 | Cerdasa Kreatif 1 | .917 | Meets > .45 |
| 57 | Cerdas Kreatif 2 | .898 | Meets > .45 |
| 58 | Cerdas Kreatif 3 | .905 | Meets > .45 |
| 59 | Cerdas Kreatif 4 | .911 | Meets > .45 |
| 60 | Bersemangat Berdisiplin 1 | .897 | Meets > .45 |
| 61 | Bersemangat Berdisiplin 2 | .931 | Meets > .45 |
| 62 | Bersemangat Berdisiplin 2 | .950 | Meets > .45 |
| 63 | Menarik dan menyenangkan 1 | .878 | Meets > .45 |
| 64 | Menarik dan menyenangkan 2 | .912 | Meets > .45 |
| 65 | Menarik dan menyenangkan 3 | .932 | Meets > .45 |
| 66 | Berkomunikasi efektif 1 | .899 | Meets > .45 |
| 67 | Berkomunikasi efektif 2 | .935 | Meets > .45 |

Table 4 demonstrates that all 67 items of the scale meet the requirement of a standard loading factor of .45 or greater, indicating that the items are valid (Hair et al., 2019). The Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was performed to determine the distribution of items over 14 indicators. The results showed that the items were distributed among the indicators, however, not evenly. The examination of the Component Score Covariant Matrix further supports the results obtained from the CFA analysis.

The results of the analysis can be observed from the statements on each item of the scale, particularly the first aspect, namely faith and piety towards God. This aspect refers to the characteristics of individuals who are pious according to the Qur'an, such as: believing in Allah, consistently performing prayers, paying zakat, fasting, controlling anger, forgiving, fearing Allah, being just to enemies, supporting truth, and preaching. The first aspect of the indicator displays a personality that believes and fears God. According to the Qur'an, this personality is characterized by *tawakal* (reliance on God), performing prayers, avoiding idle talk, guarding honor, fulfilling obligations, and being helpful in the way of Allah.

This analysis indicates that the first aspect has effectively captured all aspects of the personality of an Islamic counselor. Personality has been found to be a predictor of religiosity, emotional religion, and spirituality (Saroglou & Muñoz-garcía, 2008), implying that there are similarities between personality and religiosity factors. As a result, it can be concluded that the 14 indicators of the personality competence of Islamic counselors meet the standards of ASCA, ACA, and the 18 indicators outlined in Permendikbud No. 27 of 2008. Additionally, the reliability test using the Cronbach's Alpha was also performed.

Implications

The measurement of the personality competence of an Islamic counselor is crucial in determining the success of Islamic guidance and counseling services. According to Permendikbud No. 27 of 2008, the personality competency of Islamic counselors comprises 4 aspects, which align with the 4 aspects of the Islamic personality competence scale developed in this study. The scale consists of 14 indicators, including faith and piety to Allah SWT, which can be seen in the items 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36. The ACA, ASCA, and Cavanagh's competencies, such as being a skilled communicator, a good listener, flexible, calm, patient, and empathetic, are reflected in items 44, 45, 46, 47, 52, 53, and

54. Additionally, the views of other experts, such as Anas Salahuddin, who believes that a competent Islamic counselor should have a mature psychological aspect, good emotional control, love for their role, and a friendly and sociable personality, can be seen in items 7, 27, 66, and 67. Jones, on the other hand, emphasizes the importance of ethical behavior, intellectual abilities, and flexibility in adapting to various counseling situations, which are reflected in items 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. These concepts, along with other key competencies, can be seen in the blueprint of the Islamic personality competency scale.

Several authors have emphasized the importance of various aspects of the personality competence of an Islamic counselor. Anwar Sutoyo (2017) stresses the principle of confidentiality in the role of an Islamic counselor, while Hartono (2019) emphasizes the importance of sincerity, trustworthiness, patience, and spiritual piety. Zuhal & Masykur (2022) highlight the importance of obedience to rules and promoting good and preventing evil in Islamic counseling. Ardimen (2018) aligns with the ASCA concept of being a skilled communicator, good listener, flexible, calm, and patient, while Arifin & Zaini (2014) emphasize the importance of the uswah hasanah (positive social model), mauidhah hasanah (positive psychoeducation), targhib-ta'zir (reinforcement-punishment), art, 'uzlah (self-quarantine), and gerbat (prayer). Researchers emphasize the importance of various aspects of the personality competence of an Islamic counselor (Asmani, 2010). These views are reflected in the blueprint of the Islamic personality competency scale.

Limitations and Suggestions for Further Research

The limitations of this research include a limited sample size and a narrow demographic of participants. The sample only consisted of Islamic counselors and did not include individuals from diverse backgrounds or different professions. In addition, the results may not necessarily be generalizable to a larger population. Furthermore, the study only focused on the personality competencies of Islamic counselors, and did not include other factors such as counseling skills or training. As a suggestion for future research, it would be beneficial to have a larger and more diverse sample and to also include other factors that could affect the competencies of an Islamic counselor. Additionally, it would be valuable to examine the effectiveness of these competencies in actual counseling situations and to gather feedback from both clients and other professionals in the field.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the development of the Islamic counselor personality competency scale (KKKI) provides a useful tool for evaluating the competencies of Islamic counselors or prospective Islamic counselors. The scale consists of 4 aspects, 14 indicators, and 67 items, which have been validated and demonstrated to have good reliability. This scale can serve as a benchmark for assessing the personality competencies of Islamic counselors and provide valuable information for improving the quality of Islamic guidance and counseling services. The results of the study highlight the importance of faith and piety, ethical behavior, and effective communication skills, among other competencies, in Islamic counseling. By using the KKKI, Islamic guidance and counseling services can be better equipped to deliver high-quality services to those in need.

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