

Study of Wood Workshop Room Standards in Wood, Stone and Plumbing Workshop, Faculty of Engineering, State University of Medan

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Abstract. The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility of the large area of the wood workshop in the Wood, Stone and Plumbing Workshop of the Faculty of Engineering, Unimed. This research is a type of research with an evaluative descriptive method. The subject in this study is the Unimed, especially the wood workshop, while the object of the research is the area of the workshop. The data collection method is by means of interviews, observations, and documentation. Data analysis techniques are carried out by quantitative methods. The results of this study are the area of the working space of the workshop, has not met the space standard, which is 128 m² smaller than the standard size of 256 m².

Keywords: Workshop, Wood.

1 Introduction

Vocational secondary education is a level of education aimed at developing students' abilities to perform specific types of work. The primary focus is to prepare students for the workforce while instilling a professional attitude [1]. Vocational high schools offer specialized courses, such as in wood construction, where students are trained to manage woodworking facilities like the Wood Workshop. This training ensures that students are equipped to oversee the proper functioning of these facilities, helping to create a successful educational program[2]. Vocational high schools have majors in the field of wood construction expertise, so that the department has the facilities and infrastructure to produce wood construction work called the Wood Workshop[3]. Of course, in that case, building engineering education students are prepared to be ready in the management of woodworking workshop facilities and infrastructure so that an educational program can be successful.

Educational infrastructure plays a key role in the success of teaching and learning processes. This success relies on the availability of adequate facilities and effective management [4]. Proper management can help create a clean, organized, and aesthetically pleasing environment, making it comfortable for both students and instructors to work in the woodworking workshop [5]. Additionally, the availability of necessary tools and equipment is essential for the smooth operation of the educational process, benefiting both lecturers and students [6].

The purpose of managing educational facilities and infrastructure is to ensure that the learning environment is conducive to effective and efficient teaching [7]. A well-equipped and well-maintained facility directly contributes to the quality and effectiveness of the learning process. This process involves both lecturers and students utilizing the available resources to achieve the best possible learning outcomes [8].

The researcher observed the Wood Workshop at the Faculty of Engineering, State University of Medan, particularly focusing on the Building Engineering Education program's use of the woodworking facilities [9]. Observations were made based on the standards set out in Permendiknas No.40 of 2008, which outlines the requirements for educational facilities and infrastructure [10]. During the observation, the researcher noted that the room's capacity did not align with the number of students in the program [11]. Additionally, the hand tools and machinery available did not meet the necessary standards for producing wood-based projects. Furthermore, the furniture in the woodworking area was not fit for use, prompting the researcher to explore these issues further [12].

2. Theoretical Foundations

A feasibility study is considered viable when it meets specific criteria, which are used as benchmarks to assess the data collected during the research. The alignment of the data with these criteria determines the decision regarding the feasibility [13].

Space, in this context, is defined as a three-dimensional area where activities and objects are located, and it is particularly designed for a specific purpose. A workshop, as a type of space, is a place used for practical activities or skill exercises to facilitate the realization of vocational education [14]. Space quality requirements include both general and special criteria [15]. General requirements are those that must be adapted to the local context, while special requirements involve standard dimensions used to guide the design and construction of workshop spaces. The size of the woodworking workshop is determined by the number of practical lessons outlined in the vocational curriculum [16].

Workshop facilities are essential for supporting practical activities. According to Government Regulation No. 19 of 2005 regarding National Education Standards, educational institutions must have both facilities (such as furniture, equipment, educational media, and other resources) and infrastructure (including land, classrooms, faculty offices, laboratories, and specialized rooms like workshops) that support the learning process [17].

The quality of the facilities in a workshop directly impacts the effectiveness of practical exercises. Adequate workshop facilities enable students to complete projects efficiently, as they provide all the necessary tools and equipment [18]. Without these resources, the teaching and learning process would face significant obstacles [19]. Tools, whether software or

hardware, are crucial in enabling students to learn various skills and produce the desired outcomes. Hardware refers to physical tools, such as machines and manual equipment, while software consists of programs or digital tools used for learning and project management. Workshops are typically equipped with hardware tools, as these are essential for practical exercises [20].

Practical facilities can be categorized into three types [21]: 1) Main equipment, which refers to tools or machines used for skill development (commonly called workstations), 2) Standard equipment, which matches the quantity of the main equipment, and 3) Additional equipment, which supplements but does not match the main equipment in quantity.

3. Research Methods

This study employs an evaluative descriptive method, which describes the existing conditions in the research setting [18]. The focus of the research is on the physical condition of the wood workshop room, including its size, lighting, and the number and type of equipment and furniture available. The goal is to gather information about the current state of these facilities and assess whether they meet the required standards for educational use. The research does not test hypotheses but simply describes the real conditions based on the observed variables.

4. Research Results

Analysis of the actual conditions versus the standards reveals that the woodworking workshop at the Faculty of Engineering, State University of Medan does not meet the required standards for a proper woodworking practice room. The workshop area is insufficient for the number of students, as it covers only 128 m², while the standard minimum requirement for such a space is 256 m². This discrepancy highlights the need for improvement in the workshop's size and capacity to meet the practical needs of students and support effective learning.

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