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### **TÓM LƯỢC**

Văn viết học thuật đòi hỏi sự kết hợp của các kỹ thuật khác nhau, bao gồm cả việc diễn đạt lại, vốn đề cập đến khả năng diễn giải ý tưởng theo phong cách cá nhân, đồng thời đảm bảo sự bảo toàn ý nghĩa vốn có của văn bản gốc. Luận văn này được viết nhằm mục đích tìm hiểu nhận thức của sinh viên chuyên ngành Ngôn Ngữ Anh tại Trường Đại học Nam Cần Thơ về việc sử dụng kỹ năng diễn đạt lại trong quá trình tiếp thu các kỹ năng viết tiếng Anh. Nghiên cứu này áp dụng phương pháp nghiên cứu hỗn hợp cụ thể là thiết kế giải thích tuần tự, thông qua việc kết hợp dữ liệu định lượng thu thập được từ hai trăm sinh viên thông qua bảng hỏi cùng với dữ liệu định tính thu được từ tám sinh viên thông qua phỏng vấn với mục đích nắm được sư hiểu biết toàn diện về nhận thức của sinh viên. Những phát hiện được rút ra từ nghiên cứu này đã bật mí những quan điểm sâu sắc khác nhau của sinh viên về tầm quan trọng, lơi ích, các kỹ thuật và những thách thức liên đới với việc diễn đạt lại. Mặc dù số lượng người tham gia còn khá khiệm tốn, cùng với những thiếu sót trong việc tiếp cân những cá nhân sở hữu trình đô ngôn ngữ cu thể, nhưng nghiên cứu này đã đóng góp những gợi ý mang tính chất chiến thuật cho sự phát triển kỹ năng viết, đặc biệt là sự lĩnh hội ngôn ngữ toàn diện thông qua các chiến lược diễn đạt lại.

Từ khoá: Nhận thức, Kỹ năng viết, Diễn đạt lại.

#### **ABSTRACT**

Academic writing necessitates a combination of various tactics, including paraphrasing, which refers to the ability to express ideas in one's own style, while guaranteeing the preservation of the intended meaning of the original text. This thesis investigates the perceptions of English major students at Nam Can Tho University regarding the use of paraphrasing in English writing skills acquisition. This study employed a mixed-method approach, particularly an explanatory sequential design incorporating quantitative data of two hundred students gathered from a questionnaire plus qualitative data of eight students derived from interviews in order to gain exhaustive comprehension concerning the perceptions of students. The findings drawn from this research revealed a wide insightful range of students' perspectives in terms of the importance, benefits, techniques, and challenges associated with paraphrasing. Despite its modest number of participants, along with deficiencies in accessing individuals possessing specific language proficiencies, this academic work contributes tactical suggestions for writing development, particularly overall language acquisition through paraphrasing strategies.

Key words: Perception, Writing skills, Paraphrasing.

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