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ABSTRACT

Findings from a study that examined the relationship between work role-expectations of public school principals and work outcomes are presented in this paper. Methodology involved completion of the Miller-Carey Work Role Inventory by 200 elementary and secondary principals in 9 Georgia school systems. Findings indicate that the principals differentiated between their work role-expectations and that they identified strongly with the job definition of instructional leader more than with that of school manager. Incongruent role expectations were strongly related to the degree of job satisfaction; for example, positive attitudes toward the profession were associated with positive outcomes of work. It is recommended that administrators recognize the role of incentives in professional fulfillment and design training programs that include school management functions. Ten tables are included. The appendix contains an explanation of the Miller-Carey model of work expectations. (18 references) (LMI)

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The purpose of this research was to examine work role expectations of principals in the public school setting and the relationship between work role expectations and the results of principals' work. Work results are the professional fulfillment of personal needs derived from the work experience such as recognition, personal regard, accomplishment, usefulness, and compensation. The research sought to understand better patterns of role expectations of the principal position. Differences in work role expectations and the relationship between expectations and work results were examined through hypotheses that stem from the Miller-Carey conceptualization of work behavior (Miller & Carey, 1980). The Miller-Carey Model of Work Role Expectations, a model designed to address work behavior of individuals in service-oriented work organizations, is theoretically unique in that it emphasizes work behavior of professionals formally trained to provide the public with human services such as health, education, and social services.

Background of the Problem

The literature related to work motivation and job satisfaction suggests that work can provide employees with valued work outcomes (Kerr & Jermier, 1978; Vroom, 1964). Further, the literature indicates that intrinsic and extrinsic aspects of work provide either job satisfaction or dissatisfaction which may be an implicit or explicit value received from the job (Herzberg, Mausner, & Snyderman, 1959; Porter, Lawler, & Hackman, 1975). The expectancy theory suggests that workers' expectations of the job also determine job satisfaction or dissatisfaction (Locke, 1969; Miner, 1980; Vroom, 1964).

A theoretical model of work role expectations, developed by Miller and Carey (1980), defines two aspects of a worker's belief structure concerning his or her own work role. The two aspects, the prescriptive role expectations and descriptive role expectations, vary among people and influence not only the work itself but also the results experienced from work. Miller and Carey's foundational work was based in part on a theory of human behavior and performance proposed by Hackman and Oldham in 1976 that specified the conditions under which individuals become internally motivated to perform effectively on their jobs. The model Hackman and Oldham developed focused on the interaction among three classes of variables: "(a) the psychological states of employees that must be present for internally motivated work behavior to develop, (b) the characteristics of jobs that can create these psychological states; and (c) the attitudes of individuals that determine how positively people will respond to a complex and challenging job" (Hackman, 1977, p. 250). The model postulated that individuals experience positive affect to the extent that they learn (knowledge of results) that they personally (experienced responsibility) have performed well on a task that they care about (experienced meaningfulness). According to Miller (1983), the Miller-Carey Model of Work Role Expectations (WRE) combines concepts from role theory, organizational behavior, and human performance literature in an effort to explain and predict work behavior. Carey (1982) stated that the basic premise underlying the Miller-Carey model of work behavior is that "professional work role beliefs serve as a central motivator related to work--establishing expectancies related to the context of work and defining the meaning an individual ascribes to the work role. The beliefs, in turn,

are affected by the sense of need fulfillment experienced by the individual" (p. 7). Professional need fulfillment is a valued result of work.

Valued work outcomes and the work activities of the school principal in the last decade have become an issue of interest to education practitioners and researchers. The reform literature has focused on school effectiveness and emphasized the role of the principal (Edmonds, 1981; Lipham, 1981; Weldy, 1979). More recent research has established there is a difference in the description of the principal's work role (Avant, 1989), and there is a discrepancy between the work role expectations of the principal's work role among educators (Avant, 1990). The research suggested that formal professional training of principals led to the prescriptive role expectations of the work of the principal, that is, the instructional leader. Then, the experience of principals led to the converse descriptive role expectations of the work of the principal, that is, the school manager. The work role model of instructional leader valued by the principal was in strong contrast to what was experienced on the job. For example, planning and goal setting (the ideal behaviors) were replaced by quick attention to detail and management of crises and routine activities (the actual behaviors). Similarly, supervision of instruction and curriculum development (the ideal behaviors) were replaced by touring and monitoring for pupil control (the actual behaviors). The research evidence supported the lack of clear work role expectations of those in the principal position in school settings. Clearly, observational studies of the principalship characterized the descriptive role of the principal differently from the prescriptive role accounted in the self-report studies. These findings raised important questions concerning the two definitions. Do

practicing principals assign role attributes differentially to the two definitions of the position? Do differing role expectations of principals affect their results of work differently? Does the lack of clarity in job definition extend to role dissonance, and does dissonance have an effect on the results of work? This research focused on these issues.

The Miller-Carey Model of Work Role Expectations (WRE)

Miller and Carey's (1980) conceptualization of work behavior of individuals provides a theoretical model and measurement strategies to address questions and hypotheses related to the principal's work. Because, the theoretical model deals uniquely with the nature of the work of service-oriented professionals and their work organizations, there was some evidence to support the proposition that discrepancies between the prescriptive and descriptive role expectations contribute to work results of the principal, a member of a service-oriented profession.

There are two distinct aspects of role expectations, descriptive role expectations and prescriptive role expectations (Miller, 1980). Each of the role expectations identifies a set of attributes which consists of at least two dimensions, traits and behaviors. Traits are qualities of the role while behaviors are actions through which the role is enacted (Carey, 1982). Role expectations are beliefs about the attributes, the traits and behaviors, that are associated with persons of a professional membership or a position within an organization. The role expectations are "incorporated into an individual's belief structure and strongly influence the pattern of behavior enacted by members of a specific category" (Carey, 1982, p. 9). During the person's professional education, standards are conveyed regarding appropriate qualities

and behaviors to do the job. Formal preparation for the job is reflected in the prescriptive (idealized) role expectation. On the other hand, during the person's professional experience within the work environment, interactions and time constraints influence the perception of qualities and behaviors to do the job. Structure and bureaucracy of the work are reflected in the descriptive (real) role expectation.

The WRE consists of five components, Role Socialization, Professional Role Expectations (traits and behaviors), Work Dimensions, Moderating Beliefs, and Work Results. With the use of the Miller-Carey Work Role Inventory, two major constructs of the principal's work were analyzed in this study, Professional Role Expectations and Work Results. A schematic of the model with an explanation of the components appear in Appendix A.

Methodology

Two hundred elementary and secondary principals in nine school systems in Georgia completed the Miller-Carey Work Role Inventory in 1990. The questionnaires were comprised of four sub-sections, Demographic Data Form, Role Trait Scale, Role Behavior Scale, Work Role Inventory. Data were analyzed using the computer program SYSTAT (Wilkinson, 1988). The following procedures were conducted from data generated by the subscales of the instruments:

Demographic Data Form: Frequency distribution and crosstab procedures were used to describe the sample of principals. Analysis of variance and Bonferroni between groups contrasts were used to test the exploratory question.

Role Traits and Role Behaviors Scales: The data from both scales from the practicing principal sample were factor analyzed using a varimax rotation. The factor structure was examined to determine the factor scales. Items within each factor that demonstrated factor loadings of greater than 0.5 were considered as items contributing to the description of the trait or the behavior. Items with complex loadings were assigned to the factor upon which they had the highest loading. Summated factor scores were calculated for traits and behaviors rated by principals under prescriptive and descriptive conditions. Dependent t-tests were used to test differences between factor scale scores.

Work Results: Means and standard deviations of the variables identified in the Work Results scale were determined. Bonferroni between groups contrasts were conducted to test the hypotheses. The alpha level chosen for the research was $< .05$.

In a prestudy (Avant, 1990), two distinctly different patterns of role attributes (traits and behaviors) were assigned by an independent sample of educators to the principals' job definition as instructional leader and as school manager. Six factors were extracted for each attribute set for each definition yielding 24 factors. In the present study, these patterns of attributes (the factors) were used as surrogate definitions of the principal's position as instructional leader or school manager and imposed upon the sample's own ratings of the attributes under prescriptive and descriptive conditions.

Results

Four hypotheses were derived from the empirical literature on the principalship and the WRE. In addition, exploration was undertaken of a potentially important research question regarding one's attitude toward the profession and work results.

Role Expectations of Principals and the Definitions of Instructional Leader and School Manager

The first hypothesis addressed the differences between prescriptive and descriptive role expectations of principals when compared on independently defined trait and behavior factors. These factors were based on literature descriptions of principals as instructional leaders or school managers.

Principals' Ratings of Leadership Traits. As shown in Table 1, the mean scores of the six trait factors indicated the principals' prescriptive and descriptive expectations of instructional leadership were in the same direction for every factor as the trait ratings obtained in the independent prestudy although differing in degree. The principals' prescriptive factor scale ratings were significantly different from their descriptive ratings suggesting that they see a very different amount of the target traits being exhibited among principals than that deemed ideal. The differences occurred on five of the six factors: 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. As found in the prestudy, factors 1, 3, 5, and 6 were the leadership trait factors which differentiated instructional leader from school manager.

Principals' Ratings of Leadership Behaviors. The mean scores of each factor shown in Table 2 indicated that principals' prescriptive and descriptive expectations were in the same direction for every factor as those behavior ratings obtained in the prestudy. When the behavior factor scale

Table 1
Comparison of Instructional Leadership Trait Factors Under Prescriptive and Descriptive Rating Conditions by Principals (n=200)

Trait Factors for Instructional Leadership				Prescriptive	Descriptive	
Factor #	Mean	sd	Mean	sd	Mean	sd
Item	Load	Low	High	t-test statistics		
Factor 1	3.066	1.025		2.310	0.870	2.757 0.939
LT9	0.847	beautiful	plain	Mean Difference = -0.147		
LT11	0.538	worldly	unsophisticated	sd Difference = 0.825		
LT20	0.498	good	bad	t=-2.514 df=199 P=0.013		
Factor 2			4.411 0.920	4.209	0.637	4.256 0.626
LT27	0.845	tender	tough	Mean Difference = -0.047		
LT15	0.827	patient	persistent	sd Difference = 0.604		
LT12	0.722	delicate	rugged	t=-1.100 df=199 P=0.273		
LT25	0.715	accommodating	competitive			
LT19	0.647	humble	superior			
LT10	0.621	gentle	rough			
LT17	0.490	vulnerable	formidable			
LT13	0.485	retiring	assertive			
LT4	0.462	supportive	dominant			
LT7	0.393	dependent	self-sufficient			
Factor 3	2.537	0.971		1.849	0.665	2.125 0.864
LT1	0.769	active	passive	Mean Difference = -0.277		
LT2	0.750	aggressive	defensive	sd Difference = 0.842		
LT14	0.720	confident	cautious	t=-4.646 df=199 P=0.000		
LT28	0.697	deep	shallow			
LT16	0.676	decisive	vacillating			
LT24	0.604	sharp	dull			
LT23	0.576	logical	fallible			
LT22	0.575	strong	weak			
LT3	0.562	objective	partial			
LT30	0.502	stable	insecure			
Factor 4	3.840	1.631		2.870	1.586	3.140 1.507
LT21	0.806	tactful	candid	Mean Difference = -0.270		
				sd Difference = 1.516		
				t=-2.519 df=199 P=0.013		
Factor 5	2.506	1.055		1.781	0.737	2.070 0.898
LT5	0.748	pleasant	restrained	Mean Difference = -0.289		
LT29	0.694	direct	devious	sd Difference = 0.921		
LT31	0.641	sincere	wily	t=-4.439 df=199 P=0.000		
LT33	0.626	aware	insensitive			
LT32	0.446	bright	dark			
Factor 6	2.444	0.868		1.887	0.747	2.168 0.859
LT26	0.717	neat	casual	Mean Difference = -0.281		
LT8	0.655	efficient	wasteful	sd Difference = 0.840		
LT6	0.641	precise	vague	t=-4.732 df=199 P=0.000		
LT34	0.589	ambitious	complacent			
LT18	0.575	assured	reticent			

Table 2
Comparison of Instructional Leadership Behavior Factors Under Prescriptive and Descriptive Rating Conditions by Principals (n=200)

Behavior Factors for Instructional Leadership				Prescriptive	Descriptive	
Factor #	Mean	sd	Mean	sd	Mean	sd
Item	Load	Low	High	t-test statistics		
Factor 1	3.860	1.117		3.639	0.621	3.787 0.666
LB7	0.842	consult	decide	Mean Difference = -0.148		
LB10	0.783	link	preside	sd Difference = 0.652		
LB2	0.700	listen	inform	t=-3.213 df=199 P=0.002		
LB16	0.675	understand	promote			
LB22	0.674	counsel	judge			
LB20	0.586	assist	introduce			
LB14	0.552	care	pursue			
LB34	0.548	conceptualize	act			
LB13	0.534	motivate	provide			
LB23	0.509	comfort	persist			
LB33	0.356	nourish	stimulate			
Factor 2			5.006 1.125	5.015 0.803	4.678 0.957	
LB8	0.733	defend	advocate	Mean Difference = 0.337		
LB5	0.714	report	plan	sd Difference = 1.025		
LB6	0.708	maintain	change	t=4.644 df=199 P=0.000		
LB11	0.640	mediate	develop			
LB19	0.639	budget	evaluate			
LB17	0.489	justify	suggest			
Factor 3			4.460 1.102	4.568 0.952	4.523 0.839	
LB32	0.844	value	respect	Mean Difference = 0.045		
LB9	0.666	relate	help	sd Difference = 0.927		
LB12	0.595	negotiate	demonstrate	t=0.687 df=199 P=0.493		
LB29	0.488	question	explain			
Factor 4			4.467 1.082	4.646 0.722	4.578 0.758	
LB1	-0.746	push	calm	Mean Difference = 0.068		
LB28	-0.637	operate	manage	sd Difference = 0.774		
LB4	-0.599	demand	smooth	t=1.248 df=199 P=0.213		
LB21	-0.509	criticize	praise			
LB30	-0.493	participate	communicate			
LB18	-0.487	announce	reinforce			
Factor 5			4.689 1.137	4.889 0.844	4.630 0.925	
LB27	0.714	protect	accomplish	Mean Difference = 0.259		
LB15	0.604	schedule	analyze	sd Difference = 0.899		
LB26	0.589	consider	interpret	t=4.811 df=199 P=0.000		
LB3	0.510	settle	initiate			
Factor 6	3.305	1.020		3.400 0.928	3.553 0.842	
LB25	-0.725	clarify	represent	Mean Difference = -0.150		
LB31	-0.533	lead	organize	sd Difference = 1.010		
LB24	-0.522	challenge	risk	t=2.101 df=199 P=0.037		

scores rated by principals under prescriptive and descriptive conditions were compared, significant differences were found on four of six factors, 1, 2, 5, and 6. Of those four factors, behavior factors 2, 5, and 6 in the prestudy significantly differentiated the instructional leader from the school manager. On all of the scales where significant differences were found between the prescriptive and descriptive rating conditions, it was clear that the principals aspired to a stronger showing of the behaviors than what they believed principals exhibited.

Principals' Ratings of Management Traits. The principals' ratings of school management traits are shown in Table 3. As the factor scale means indicate, the principals' prescriptive trait expectations consistently were more extreme than their descriptive expectations. Significant differences were found between their prescriptive and descriptive ratings on four of the six factors: 1, 2, 3, and 4. In the prestudy, trait factors 1, 2, 5, and 6 significantly differentiated the school manager from the instructional leader.

On the factors which were found to differentiate the school manager and instructional leader definitions significantly in the prestudy, principals believed there should be greater emphasis on the traits than evidenced, even more than suggested by the defining sample on factor 1. In contrast, the principals ratings for traits on factor 2 were in the opposite direction from those in the prestudy, suggesting rejection of the prestudy definition. The principals indicated that the traits on the opposite pole should have even greater emphasis than presently seen. While not significant differentiators between school manager and instructional leader definitions, the third and

Table 3
Comparison of School Managerial Trait Factors Under Prescriptive and
Descriptive Rating Conditions by Principals (n=200)

Trait Factors for School Management				Prescriptive	Descriptive	
Factor #	Mean	sd	Mean	sd	Mean	sd
Item	Load	Low	High	t-test statistics		
Factor 1	3.428	1.132		1.800	0.687	2.076 0.850
MT29	0.798	direct	devious	Mean Difference = -0.275		
MT31	0.790	sincere	wily	sd Difference = 0.832		
MT30	0.759	stable	insecure	t=-4.682 df=199 P=0.000		
MT28	0.733	deep	shallow			
MT23	0.713	logical	fallible			
MT33	0.692	aware	insensitive			
MT32	0.629	bright	dark			
MT24	0.573	sharp	dull			
MT22	0.537	strong	weak			
MT6	0.519	precise	vague			
MT20	0.516	good	bad			
MT26	0.509	neat	casual			
Factor 2			4.390 1.029	3.601	0.669	3.736 0.670
MT4	0.764	supportive	dominant	Mean Difference = -0.135		
MT10	0.759	gentle	rough	sd Difference = 0.689		
MT27	0.727	tender	tough	t=-2.773 df=199 P=0.006		
MT15	0.697	patient	persistent			
MT5	0.688	pleasant	restrained			
MT19	0.679	humble	superior			
MT17	0.594	vulnerable	formidable			
MT12	0.508	delicate	rugged			
Factor 3	3.104	1.248		1.929	0.667	2.190 0.840
MT1	0.826	active	passive	Mean Difference = -0.261		
MT14	0.790	confident	cautious	sd Difference = 0.820		
MT18	0.788	assured	reticent	t=-4.503 df=199 P=0.000		
MT34	0.752	ambitious	complacent			
MT13	0.738	assertive	retiring			
MT16	0.721	decisive	vacillating			
MT7	0.714	selfsufficient	dependent			
MT2	0.702	aggressive	defensive			
MT8	0.603	efficient	wasteful			
MT3	0.556	objective	partial			
Factor 4	3.870	1.403		3.373	1.141	3.610 1.138
MT21	0.882	tactful	candid	Mean Difference = -0.238		
MT25	0.534	accommodating	competitive	sd Difference = 1.124		
				t=-2.988 df=199 P=0.003		
Factor 5	3.864	1.473		2.735	1.234	2.820 1.181
MT11	0.547	worldly	unsophisticated	Mean Difference = -0.085		
				sd Difference = 1.111		
				t=-1.082 df=199 P=0.280		
Factor 6			4.259 1.022	3.125	1.272	3.195 1.302
MT9	0.908	beautiful	plain	Mean Difference = -0.070		
				sd Difference = 1.238		
				t=-0.800 df=199 P=0.425		

fourth factors supported the idea that principals believed these traits should be more apparent than they perceived they actually were.

Principals' Ratings of Management Behaviors. When behavior factor scores rated under prescriptive and descriptive conditions were compared, significant differences were found in three of the six factors: 1, 2, and 6 (Table 4). In the prestudy, all six behavior factors significantly differentiated the school manager from the instructional leader.

The principals' ratings for behaviors on factors 1, 2 and 6 were in the opposite direction from those in the prestudy, suggesting they did not subscribe to the manager behaviors as defined by those factors in the prestudy. The principals indicated that the behaviors on the opposite pole should have even greater emphasis than presently seen. That is, the prescriptive ratings were more extreme than the descriptive ratings.

Prescriptive Role Expectations and Work Results

The second hypothesis addressed whether those principals whose prescriptive role expectations were like the prestudy's role definition of instructional leader differed in the way they responded to their work from the principals whose prescriptive role expectations were like the prestudy's role definition of school manager. As discussed in the previous section, a prestudy sample defined two differing descriptions of principals' work in terms of traits and behaviors for the instructional leader and the school manager. Using the items from the factors which showed significant differences between the instructional leadership and school management definitions in the prestudy, a summative score was computed for each respondent under the prescriptive rating condition for both traits and

Table 4
Comparison of School Managerial Behavior Factors Under Prescriptive and Descriptive Rating Conditions by Principals (n=200)

Behavior Factors for School Management				Prescriptive	Descriptive	
Factor #	Mean	sd	Mean	sd	Mean	sd
Item	Load	Low	High	t-test statistics		
Factor 1	3.529	1.081		4.363	0.624	4.218 0.651
MB16	0.811	promote	understand	Mean Difference = 0.145		
MB23	0.810	persist	comfort	sd Difference = 0.605		
MB14	0.787	pursue	care	t=3.400 df=199 P=0.001		
MB22	0.759	judge	counsel			
MB10	0.747	preside	link			
MB20	0.709	introduce	assist			
MB4	0.701	demand	smooth			
MB7	0.679	decide	consult			
MB21	0.616	criticize	praise			
MB18	0.604	announce	reinforce			
MB26	0.572	interpret	consider			
MB1	0.560	push	calm			
MB2	0.531	inform	listen			
MB33	0.523	stimulate	nourish			
Factor 2	3.563	1.089		4.921	0.780	4.488 0.897
MB15	0.701	schedule	analyze	Mean Difference = 0.434		
MB12	0.695	negotiate	demonstrate	sd Difference = 0.960		
MB3	0.663	settle	initiate	t=6.389 df=199 P=0.000		
MB11	0.595	mediate	develop			
MB31	0.570	organize	lead			
MB13	0.487	provide	motivate			
MB17	0.344	justify	suggest			
Factor 3			4.293 0.982	4.790	0.971	4.720 0.927
MB32	0.701	value	respect	Mean Difference = 0.070		
MB28	0.636	operate	manage	sd Difference = 1.033		
MB30	0.613	participate	communicate	t=0.959 df=199 P=0.339		
MB8	0.491	defend	advocate			
Factor 4			4.469 1.093	4.067	0.955	4.099 0.991
MB24	0.660	risk	challenge	Mean Difference = -0.032		
MB34	0.589	conceptualize	act	sd Difference = 1.049		
MB25	0.451	clarify	represent	t=-0.427 df=199 P=0.670		
Factor 5	3.753	1.504		4.840	1.512	4.895 1.518
MB9	0.798	relate	help	Mean Difference = -0.055		
				sd Difference = 1.636		
				t=-0.476 df=199 P=0.635		
Factor 6	3.652	1.031		4.843	0.761	4.546 0.898
MB19	0.721	budget	evaluate	Mean Difference = 0.297		
MB6	0.592	maintain	change	sd Difference = 0.981		
MB5	0.495	report	plan	t=4.280 df=199 P=0.000		
MB29	0.493	explain	question			
MB27	0.488	protect	accomplish			

behaviors. These scores were used to partition the principal sample into quartiles which placed those principals whose prescriptive ratings most resembled an instructional leadership job description in the first quartile group and those whose prescriptive ratings most resembled a school management job description in the fourth quartile group. The second quartile group had a greater degree of correspondence with the leadership role; the third quartile with school management.

50	50	50	50
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Four between group Bonferroni contrasts were made for each of the three work results variables on the traits and behaviors role expectations. The results of those analyses are presented in Tables 5 and 6, traits and behaviors respectively ($\alpha = < 0.05/4 = 0.0125$). The set of four contrasts for testing were:

1. The weighted means of the two instructional leadership groups against the two school management groups (the first/second quartiles versus the third/fourth quartiles) (2 2 -2 -2);
2. The extreme instructional leadership group and extreme school management group (the first quartile versus the fourth quartile) (1 0 0 -1);
3. The instructional leadership group against the weighted means of the combined two middle groups (first quartile versus the second/third quartiles) (2 -1 -1 2);
4. The school management group against the weighted means of the two middle groups (the fourth quartile versus the second/third quartiles) (0-1-1 2).

Table 5
Contrasts of Principal Groups Constituted on an Instructional Leadership - School Management Traits Continuum on the Work Results Variables Fulfillment, Significance, and Reward (n=200)

	TAVG	FULFIL	SIGNIF	REWARD
N OF CASES	50	50	50	50
FIRST QUARTILE				
MEAN	1.477	6.421	6.458	5.735
STANDARD DEV	0.113	0.461	0.478	0.937
SECOND QUARTILE				
MEAN	1.835	6.093	6.062	5.340
STANDARD DEV	0.089	0.946	0.944	0.998
THIRD QUARTILE				
MEAN	2.147	5.974	5.966	5.358
STANDARD DEV	0.112	0.653	0.635	0.931
FOURTH QUARTILE				
MEAN	2.854	5.741	5.660	5.133
STANDARD DEV	0.546	0.810	0.879	1.091

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SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST/SECOND QUARTILES VS THIRD/FOURTH QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	7.979	1	7.979	14.567	0.000
ERROR	107.361	196	0.548		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS FOURTH QUARTILE					
HYPOTHESIS	11.560	1	11.560	21.104	0.000
ERROR	107.361	196	0.548		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	5.015	1	5.015	9.156	0.003
ERROR	107.361	196	0.548		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FOURTH QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	2.844	1	2.844	5.192	0.024
ERROR	107.361	196	0.548		

BONFERRONI CONTRASTS - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST/SECOND QUARTILES VS THIRD/FOURTH QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	9.987	1	9.987	17.411	0.000
ERROR	112.429	196	0.574		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS FOURTH QUARTILE					
HYPOTHESIS	15.939	1	15.939	27.786	0.000
ERROR	112.429	196	0.574		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	6.589	1	6.589	11.488	0.001
ERROR	112.429	196	0.574		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FOURTH QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	4.174	1	4.174	7.276	0.008
ERROR	112.429	196	0.574		

BONFERRONI CONTRASTS - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : REWARDS

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST/SECOND QUARTILES VS THIRD/FOURTH QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	4.278	1	4.278	4.353	0.038
ERROR	192.597	196	0.983		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS FOURTH QUARTILE					
HYPOTHESIS	9.075	1	9.075	9.236	0.003
ERROR	192.597	196	0.983		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	4.973	1	4.973	5.061	0.026
ERROR	192.597	196	0.983		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FOURTH QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	1.559	1	1.559	1.586	0.209
ERROR	192.597	196	0.983		

Table 6
Contrasts of Principal Groups Constituted on an Instructional Leadership - School Management Behaviors Continuum on the Work Results Variables Fulfillment, Significance, and Reward (n = 200)

	BAVG	FULFIL	SIGNIF	REWARD
N OF CASES	50	50	50	50
FIRST QUARTILE				
MEAN	2.577	6.126	6.123	5.365
STANDARD DEV	0.355	0.632	0.618	1.065
SECOND QUARTILE				
MEAN	3.179	6.164	6.126	5.458
STANDARD DEV	0.127	0.639	0.728	0.978
THIRD QUARTILE				
MEAN	3.538	6.073	6.085	5.333
STANDARD DEV	0.106	0.734	0.721	1.041
FOURTH QUARTILE				
MEAN	3.969	5.865	5.812	5.410
STANDARD DEV	0.191	1.018	1.061	0.970

BONFERRONI CONTRASTS - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : FULFILLMENT

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST/SECOND QUARTILES VS THIRD/FOURTH QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	1.354	1	1.354	2.610	0.108
ERROR	116.724	196	0.596		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS FOURTH QUARTILE					
HYPOTHESIS	1.704	1	1.704	2.861	0.092
ERROR	116.724	196	0.596		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	0.002	1	0.002	0.003	0.953
ERROR	116.724	196	0.596		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FOURTH QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	2.136	1	2.136	3.587	0.060
ERROR	116.724	196	0.596		

BONFERRONI CONTRASTS - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST/SECOND QUARTILES VS THIRD/FOURTH QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	1.552	1	1.552	2.427	0.121
ERROR	125.292	196	0.639		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS FOURTH QUARTILE					
HYPOTHESIS	2.414	1	2.414	3.777	0.053
ERROR	125.292	196	0.639		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	0.010	1	0.010	0.016	0.898
ERROR	125.292	196	0.639		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FOURTH QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	2.863	1	2.863	4.479	0.036
ERROR	125.292	196	0.639		

BONFERRONI CONTRASTS - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : REWARDS

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST/SECOND QUARTILES VS THIRD/FOURTH QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	0.080	1	0.080	0.078	0.781
ERROR	201.597	196	1.029		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS FOURTH QUARTILE					
HYPOTHESIS	0.051	1	0.051	0.049	0.825
ERROR	201.597	196	1.029		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FIRST QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	0.030	1	0.030	0.029	0.865
ERROR	201.597	196	1.029		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS FOURTH QUARTILE VS SECOND/THIRD QUARTILES					
HYPOTHESIS	0.008	1	0.008	0.007	0.932
ERROR	201.597	196	1.029		

Prescriptive Trait Role Expectations and Work Results. As shown in Table 5, a significant difference was found when the two leadership quartiles were contrasted against the two management quartiles on fulfillment and significance. As the means indicated, principals with prescriptive trait expectations similar to those associated with instructional leadership experienced a greater sense of self-esteem, professional growth, recognition, and contribution than principals with the prescriptive trait expectations similar those associated with school management.

When the two extreme quartiles were contrasted, significant differences occurred on all three work results variables. In each case, principals who rated their prescriptive traits similar to those traits which were identified in the prestudy as associated with instructional leadership experienced higher levels of fulfillment, significance, and rewards than principals who rated their prescriptive traits similar to traits associated with school management.

When the first quartile was contrasted with the combined middle two quartiles, significant differences were found on work results of fulfillment and significance. The first quartile group reported higher levels of both results than the middle group, as the means indicated. The fourth quartile, when contrasted with the combined middle two quartiles, was significantly different on significance results only. Comparison of the means suggested that the principals with prescriptive trait role expectations that corresponded the greatest degree with the management role definition experienced the lowest levels of need fulfillment for personal recognition, usefulness to others, and contribution to the organization.

Prescriptive Behavior Role Expectations and Work Results. Analyses of the relationships of the principals' prescriptive behavior role expectations of principals with their work results failed to yield significant differences between the four quartile groups. (Contact authors for non-significant results.)

Principals' Role Dissonance and Work Results

The third and fourth hypotheses addressed the relationship of principals' role dissonance to their work results. Dissonance has been defined as the discrepancy between one's prescriptive and descriptive role expectations (Biddle, 1979).

Dissonance, for this study, was based on the principals' prescriptive trait and behavior factor structures. Based on the two factor analyses, summative factor scale scores were calculated for each rating condition. Trait factor scores were calculated from the prescriptive rating conditions and contrasted with trait factor scores on the same items rated under descriptive conditions (Table 7). Likewise, behavior factor score contrasts were made (Table 8). Significant differences were obtained on all twelve possible trait and behavior contrasts.

The prescriptive factor structure formed the basis for the discrepancy scores, which were operationally determined by using the following formula: sum of $(p - d)/n$, where p = an item's prescriptive value; d = an item's descriptive value; n = the number of items defining the factor. A summative discrepancy score was computed for each principal under the prescriptive rating condition for both traits and behaviors and used to partition the sample into quartiles. Those principals whose scores fell in the first and fourth quartiles were considered to exhibit high dissonance. Those principals

Table 7
Trait Factor Structure Under Prescriptive Rating Condition, with t Contrasts
of Factor Scales Under Prescriptive and Descriptive Rating Conditions (n = 200)

Item	Load	Factor Definition		Prescriptive		Descriptive	
		Low	High	Mean	sd	Mean	sd
				t-test statistics			
Factor 1				6.190	0.685	2.237	0.744
PT33	0.797	insensitive	aware	Mean Difference = 3.953			
PT30	0.779	insecure	stable	sd Difference = 1.189			
PT31	0.723	wily	sincere	t=47.004 df=199 P=0.000			
PT32	0.708	dark	bright				
PT24	0.640	dull	sharp				
PT22	0.600	weak	strong				
PT28	0.589	shallow	deep				
PT29	0.580	devious	direct				
PT08	0.558	wasteful	efficient				
PT34	0.510	complacent	ambitious				
PT20	0.486	bad	good				
PT23	0.452	fallible	logical				
PT17	0.371	vulnerable	formidable				
Factor 2				3.665	1.069	3.802	0.933
PT10	0.686	gentle	rough	Mean Difference = -0.137			
PT15	0.655	patient	persistent	sd Difference = 0.969			
PT27	0.644	tender	tough	t=-1.994 df=199 P=0.047			
Factor 3				3.747	0.896	3.242	0.782
PT21	0.557	candid	tactful	Mean Difference = 0.505			
PT12	0.545	rugged	delicate	sd Difference = 1.325			
PT07	0.460	self-sufficient	dependent	t=5.392 df=199 P=0.000			
Factor 4				1.819	0.689	2.126	0.896
PT03	-0.726	objective	partial	Mean Difference = -0.306			
PT01	-0.700	active	passive	sd Difference = 0.858			
PT04	-0.597	supportive	dominant	t=-5.050 df=199 P=0.000			
PT18	-0.593	assured	reticent				
PT06	-0.579	precise	vague				
PT16	-0.541	decisive	vacillating				
PT14	-0.511	confident	cautious				
PT13	-0.470	assertive	retiring				
Factor 5				4.688	0.900	4.141	0.681
PT11	0.732	unsophisticated	worldly	Mean Difference = 0.546			
PT19	0.547	humble	superior	sd Difference = 0.799			
PT02	0.489	defensive	aggressive	t=9.665 df=199 P=0.000			
PT25	0.436	accommodating	competitive				
Factor 6				5.393	0.900	2.833	1.012
PT05	0.743	restrained	pleasant	Mean Difference = 2.560			
PT09	0.472	plain	beautiful	sd Difference = 1.682			
PT26	0.409	casual	neat	t=21.523 df=199 P=0.000			

Table 8
Behaviors Factor Structure Under Prescriptive Rating Condition, with t Contrasts
of Factor Scales Under Prescriptive and Descriptive Rating Conditions (n=200)

Item	Load	Factor Definition		Prescriptive		Descriptive		t-Test statistics
		Low	High	Mean	sd	Mean	sd	
Factor 1				2.729	0.814	4.854	0.994	
PB09	0.718	advocate	defend	Mean Difference =		-2.126		
PB13	0.708	motivate	provide	sd Difference =		1.487		
PB27	0.654	accomplish	protect	t=-20.213 df=199		P=0.000		
PB15	0.623	analyze	schedule					
PB06	0.583	change	maintain					
PB05	0.573	plan	report					
PB03	0.565	initiate	settle					
PB17	0.560	suggest	justify					
PB21	0.453	praise	criticize					
Factor 2				3.643	0.838	4.178	0.863	
PB04	0.653	smooth	demand	Mean Difference =		-0.535		
PB01	0.579	calm	push	sd Difference =		1.457		
PB23	0.564	comfort	persist	t=-5.158 df=199		P=0.000		
PB02	0.546	listen	inform					
PB22	0.479	counsel	judge					
PB16	0.400	understand	promote					
Factor 3				4.323	0.899	4.100	0.649	
PB12	0.551	negotiate	demonstrate	Mean Difference =		0.223		
PB09	0.472	relate	help	sd Difference =		1.068		
PB29	0.453	question	explain	t=2.946 df=199		P=0.004		
PB07	0.406	consult	decide					
PB32	0.355	value	respect					
Factor 4				4.435	0.941	4.273	0.725	
PB18	-0.719	announce	reinforce	Mean Difference =		0.162		
PB20	-0.717	introduce	assist	sd Difference =		0.885		
PB10	-0.619	preside	link	t=2.5897 df=199		P=0.010		
PB19	-0.521	budget	evaluate					
PB26	-0.341	consider	interpret					
Factor 5				4.292	0.901	4.106	0.758	
PB14	0.588	pursue	care	Mean Difference =		0.186		
PB34	0.505	conceptualize	act	sd Difference =		1.023		
PB25	0.492	clarify	represent	t=2.570 df=199		P=0.011		
PB11	0.450	mediate	develop					
Factor 6				4.336	0.981	4.501	0.844	
PB33	0.620	nourish	stimulate	Mean Difference =		-0.165		
PB24	0.604	risk	challenge	sd Difference =		0.946		
PB30	0.561	participate	communicate	t=-2.467 df=199		P=0.014		
PB28	0.532	operate	manage					
PB31	0.501	lead	organize					

with scores falling within the second and third quartiles were considered to exhibit low dissonance.

50	50	50	50
high	low	low	high

In general, where the prescriptive item values on the WRE scales are more extreme than the descriptive item values and the discrepancy score falls in the outermost quartile, such dissonance has been considered psychologically enhancing. On the other hand, where the descriptive item values are more extreme than the prescriptive item values and the resulting summative discrepancy score falls in the opposite outermost quartile, such dissonance has been construed as psychologically debilitating, (Carey, 1982). Therefore, the former should support higher levels of satisfaction with the results of work while the latter should contribute to lower satisfaction with work results. A careful reading of the distribution of discrepancy scores is necessary to validate the nature of the dissonance.

Comparison was made of the work results of the principals who exhibited high dissonance, extreme quartile, with those of the principals who exhibited low dissonance, middle quartiles. Bonferroni contrasts were made between the two outermost quartile groups ($\alpha = < 0.05$) on the twelve trait and behavior scales for each of the three work result variables. Then, Bonferroni contrasts were made for each of the three work results variables on the traits and behaviors role expectations ($\alpha = < 0.05/2 = 0.025$). Regarding the comparison of the work results of the two extreme dissonance groups, significant differences were found on four trait factors and one behavior factor. Regarding the comparison of the work results of the extreme

dissonance groups and the low dissonance groups, significant differences on five trait factors and one behavior factor (Table 9).

Relationship Between Attitude and Work Results

Interests in the relationship between principals' attitude toward the principalship and the work results variables on the WRE led to the formulation of the exploratory question. The respondents were asked to identify on the Demographic Form their present attitude or view of their profession. Their responses were grouped to form three indicators of attitude toward the profession: "I am pleased with the principalship on the whole;" "The principalship has problems which has troubled me a great deal;" "I have seriously considered or planned to leave the principalship." In order to determine if there was a relationship between the principals' attitude toward the principalship and their satisfying work results, analysis of variance was conducted using the three attitude indicators above as independent variables and the three work results variables, fulfillment ($F_{2,160} = 22.177$; $p = 0.000$), significance ($F_{2,160} = 15.159$; $p = 0.000$), and rewards ($F_{2,160} = 13.063$; $p = 0.000$), as the dependent variables. Three between group Bonferroni contrasts were made for each of the three work results variables ($\alpha = < 0.05/3 = .0167$). Significant differences, as shown in Table 10, were found on all three work results when group 1 was contrasted with group 2 and also when group 1 was contrasted with group 3.

Conclusions

When contrasts between prescriptive and descriptive conditions were made, significant differences were found in 19 of 20 substantive contrasts,

Table 9
Summary of Significant Contrasts for Hypothesis 3 and 4
Analyses

Factors	1	2	3	4	5	6
Work Results	F S R	F S R	F S R	F S R	F S R	F S R
H ₃						
Trait	X X X	- - -	X X X	X - -	- - -	X X X
Behavior	X X X	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
H _{4a}						
Trait	- X -	- - -	X X -	- - -	X X X	X X -
Behavior	X X -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
H _{4b}						
Trait	X X X	- - -	- - X	X X -	- - X	X X -
Behavior	X - X	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -

F = Fulfillment
 S = Significance
 R = Rewards

H₃ α = 0.05
 H₄ α = 0.05/2 = 0.025

Table 10
Analysis of Attitudes of Principals for Work Results Variables Fulfillment, Significance, and Rewards (n = 200)

	FULFIL	SIGNIF	REWARD
GROUP 1: "I AM PLEASED WITH THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPALSHIP ON THE WHOLE"			
N OF CASES	118	118	118
MEAN	6.350	6.298	5.653
STANDARD DEV	0.482	0.514	0.947
GROUP 2: "I AM PLEASED WITH THE ROLE ON THE WHOLE; BUT THE ROLE HAS PROBLEMS WHICH TROUBLES ME A GREAT DEAL"			
N OF CASES	32	32	32
MEAN	5.683	5.697	5.094
STANDARD DEV	0.771	0.802	0.761
GROUP 3: "THE ROLE TROUBLES ME A GREAT DEAL; I AM CONSIDERING OR HAVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED LEAVING THE PRINCIPALSHIP"			
N OF CASES	13	13	13
MEAN	5.745	5.805	4.413
STANDARD DEV	0.587	0.688	1.192
GROUP 4: OTHER COMMENTS ON PRINCIPALSHIP			
N OF CASES	37	37	37
MEAN	5.556	5.576	5.159
STANDARD DEV	1.112	1.200	1.010

BONFERRONI CONTRAST - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : FULFILLMENT

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 1 VS GROUP 2					
HYPOTHESIS	11.218	1	11.218	36.108	0.000
ERROR	49.710	160	0.311		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 1 VS GROUP 3					
HYPOTHESIS	4.289	1	4.289	13.804	0.000
ERROR	49.710	160	0.311		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 2 VS GROUP 3					
HYPOTHESIS	0.036	1	0.036	0.116	0.734
ERROR	49.710	160	0.311		

BONFERRONI CONTRAST - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 1 VS GROUP 2					
HYPOTHESIS	9.106	1	9.106	25.791	0.000
ERROR	56.494	160	0.353		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 1 VS GROUP 3					
HYPOTHESIS	2.856	1	2.856	8.088	0.005
ERROR	56.494	160	0.353		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 2 VS GROUP 3					
HYPOTHESIS	0.107	1	0.107	0.303	0.583
ERROR	56.494	160	0.353		

BONFERRONI CONTRAST - DEPENDENT VARIABLE : REWARDS

SOURCE	SS	DF	MS	F	P
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 1 VS GROUP 2					
HYPOTHESIS	7.860	1	7.860	8.982	0.003
ERROR	140.016	160	0.875		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 1 VS GROUP 3					
HYPOTHESIS	17.978	1	17.978	20.544	0.000
ERROR	140.016	160	0.875		
TEST OF HYPOTHESIS GROUP 2 VS GROUP 3					
HYPOTHESIS	4.278	1	4.278	4.889	0.028
ERROR	140.016	160	0.875		

strongly indicating that the principals did indeed differentiate between their work role expectations of the principalship as it was defined for them.

First, principals identified strongly with the surrogate job definition of instructional leader and indicated the role attributes should have even stronger emphasis than they experienced. Secondly, there was far less identification with the surrogate job definition of school manager. In fact, there was strong evidence that the definition was rejected and that opposing role attributes should be emphasized.

Further, this research has shown that principals experienced a greater degree of satisfaction from their work results when their leadership qualities were more closely associated with those of the instructional leadership role. The lower levels of work results were experienced by principals who felt they should function as a school manager. One might speculate that when principals believed they were in agreement with the guidelines of their profession, they reported high levels of satisfaction from work; otherwise, when they believed they should function as school managers and were not in accord with their profession, they experienced less fulfillment.

The findings regarding role dissonance supported three major conclusions. In the main, individuals with enhancing dissonance seemed to experience the highest sense of fulfillment not only of their innermost needs and personal potential, but also their basic survival needs. In contrast, those with debilitating dissonance appeared to have the least sense of satisfaction from work. Second, those who had enhancing dissonance experienced higher levels of esteem, accomplishment, recognition, and usefulness than those who discerned little or no discrepancies in their work

role. Third, debilitating dissonance was associated with the lowest levels of satisfaction from work results when compared with low dissonance. These findings provided evidence that incongruence of work role expectations has a significant relationship to one's job satisfaction across various results of work.

Finally, regarding attitude and work results, the findings provided valuable insight and suggested that a positive attitude toward the profession was associated with positive results received from work. Two groups of principals, those who were pleased and were staying in the role and those who were displeased and leaving, both exhibited high levels of internalized need fulfillment. Although need fulfillment from rewards provided from external forces was low for both groups, it was lower for those who considered leaving. The principals with the lowest fulfillment and significance results were those who reported that the role troubled them a great deal but were making no plans to leave. Additionally, those principals reporting the most positive attitude toward the role gave the strongest emphasis to the work outcome that is the most internally controlled and least amenable to intervention. These findings suggested that the attrition rate of principals may be associated with need fulfillment provided externally by the education system, and the commitment of a principal to the job may be associated with the individual's internal needs, such as self regard and confidence in one's own ability and one's effectiveness.

Educational Importance

The results of this research have critical implications for three groups: (1) incumbent and future principals whose belief structure may have

an impact on their motivation and job satisfaction; (2) administrators of school organizations whose hiring and retaining interests include the factors contributing to high quality principals in the school setting; and (3) the education professionals who are responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for training and licensing public school principals.

Superiors of the principal, superintendents and school board members, should become aware of the kinds of work results that most influence principals to be highly motivated and satisfied. Incentives that have the most positive effect on the professional need fulfillment of the principal would enhance job satisfaction, reduce job dissatisfaction, and perhaps have an impact on the attrition rate.

Finally, findings indicated that principals in this study identified strongly with the instructional leadership role which was most evident in the prescriptive rating condition. If, as hypothesized in the Miller-Carey model, the prescriptive role is socialized during training in the academy and it does not include the reality of school management functions, then the training programs themselves may be setting the stage for future dissonance and dissatisfaction. Further study of the relationships of role socialization and the position of principal as experienced should be useful to the design of training programs for the school principal.

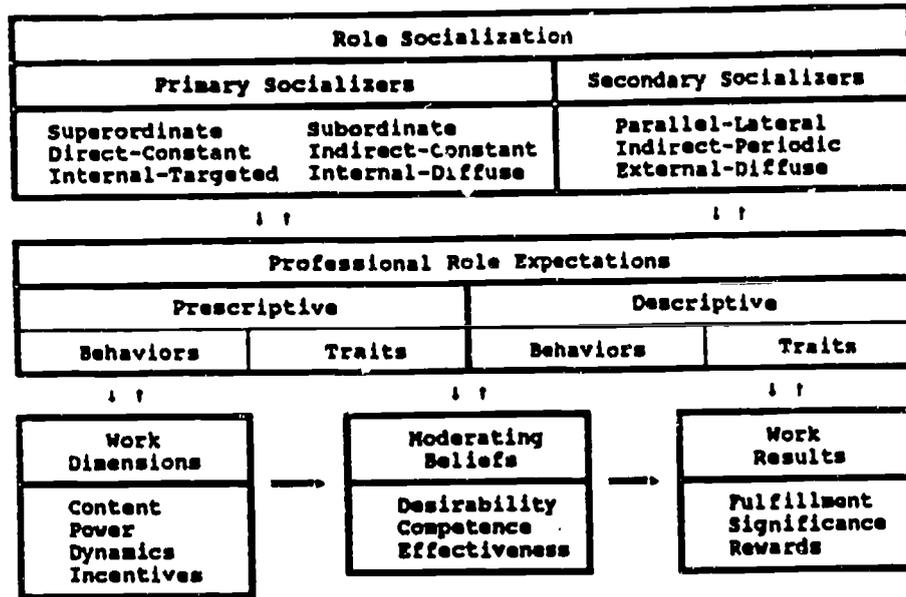
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Appendix A



James O. Miller (personal communication, May 16, 1989) explained the components of the Miller-Carey Model of Work Role Expectations in the following manner: The component, professional role expectations, specifically addresses the role's definition, the product of socialization. Each position has a pattern of traits and behaviors which is prescribed as the expected standard for the role. However, the pattern observed may or may not be the same as that which is prescribed. Expectations may also differ between those holding and those not holding the position....Discrepancies in the role expectations for a particular position may impact upon the work as perceived, one's beliefs about the position, and the results experienced from the work.

The three remaining components are the work dimensions, moderating beliefs and the work results. The four work dimensions are descriptive perceptions: content, personal power, dynamics, and incentives. The content dimension includes tasks and skill requirements of the position. The degree of personal power the employee exerts over work conditions defines the second dimension. The dynamic dimension includes communications and interpersonal relations within the work setting. Incentives are defined by the salary, growth opportunities and supervisory support available in the position.

Work brings results which meet major needs discussed in the motivation literature. From a professional and social view, self-actualization, the need to achieve and be effective is reflected in the fulfillment results. The profound and innermost needs of self-esteem, self-regard, and recognition are represented in the significance results of the model. Finally, basic survival needs which are met through pay, job security and work support systems are included in compensation results.

In the model, work dimensions and work results are moderated by an individual's beliefs. A person's beliefs concerning the desirability of the position, one's own competence to meet the challenges in the work setting and the efficacy of the available support systems moderate between the work dimensions and the work results. Thus, the prescriptive and descriptive role expectations influence and contribute to the way in which professionals respond to their work.