



An Investigation of the Challenges Faced by Students with Unemployed Parents at a Rural University

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ABSTRACT The aim of the study was to explore challenges faced by students with unemployed parents at a rural university. This study was conducted at the University of Venda, Limpopo Province. Qualitative case study research design was used. Non-probability purposive and snowball sampling technique was used in selecting respondents. Data were collected through semi-structured interview schedule. The data were collected from five students studying at the University of Venda and five parents with students studying at the University of Venda were presented and analysed thematically. The study findings indicated that students who depend on unemployed parents are faced with financial challenges that affect their academic performance as well as their well-being. Unemployed parents are unable to financially support their children well as they are faced with difficulties of getting employed. The recommendations which are included in the study are for society, government, bursaries and future research.