

Study of educational management on performance of scholar in nano/micro-level composite

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Abstract. This study investigates the impact of educational management on the performance of scholars in the field of nano/micro-level composites. The objective is to understand how effective management strategies can enhance the academic achievements and research outcomes of students specializing in this advanced area of materials science. Through a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies, data was collected from various educational institutions renowned for their programs in nano/micro-level composites. Our results indicate that tailored educational management practices significantly improve student performance. Key strategies identified include personalized mentorship programs, interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities, and access to state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. Institutions that implemented these practices observed a marked increase in the quality and quantity of research outputs, higher student satisfaction rates, and improved post-graduation employment prospects in relevant industries. Furthermore, the study highlights the importance of continuous professional development for educators to stay abreast of the latest advancements in nano/micro-level composites. By fostering an environment of innovation and support, educational management can play a crucial role in shaping the next generation of researchers and professionals in this cutting-edge field. These findings underscore the necessity of strategic educational management in optimizing the academic and professional trajectories of scholars in nano/micro-level composites, ultimately contributing to advancements in technology and industry applications.

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1. Introduction

The rapid advancement of nano and micro-level composite materials has revolutionized various industries, from electronics to biotechnology. These materials, characterized by their unique properties and high performance, are increasingly becoming the focus of cutting-edge research and development. As a result, there is a growing demand for highly skilled professionals who can contribute to the ongoing innovations in this field. However, the pathway to cultivating such expertise begins with effective educational management that can nurture and enhance the capabilities of scholars specializing in nano/micro-level composites.

Educational management encompasses a wide range of strategies and practices aimed at optimizing the learning environment and academic experiences of students. In the context of nano and micro-level composites, this involves not only providing access to advanced educational resources and facilities but also implementing innovative teaching methodologies and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. The performance of scholars in this field is heavily influenced by the quality of educational management, which

in turn affects their research outcomes and professional success.

Despite the importance of this relationship, there is a lack of comprehensive studies examining how educational management practices specifically impact the performance of students in nano/micro-level composite programs. This study aims to bridge this gap by exploring the various dimensions of educational management that contribute to enhanced academic performance and research productivity among scholars in this specialized domain.

Research and development in nano and micro-level composites have significantly advanced our understanding and application of materials science. These composites, engineered at scales ranging from nanometers to micrometers, exhibit exceptional mechanical, electrical, and thermal properties that surpass those of traditional materials. The work in this field involves synthesizing materials with precise control over their structure and properties, often using innovative techniques such as chemical vapor deposition, sol-gel processing, and molecular self-assembly. Researchers explore novel combinations of materials like carbon nanotubes, graphene, and metal nanoparticles embedded in polymer matrices to achieve desired functionalities such as enhanced strength, conductivity, and durability. Applications span diverse industries including aerospace, electronics, healthcare, and renewable energy, where nano/micro-level composites

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promise breakthroughs in performance, efficiency, and sustainability. As research continues to push the boundaries of what is possible at the nanoscale, the potential for transformative impacts on technology and society grows exponentially (Kolahchi *et al.* 2015, 2016a, b, Golabchi *et al.* 2018, Hajmohammad *et al.* 2018a, b, c, 2019a, b, c, 2021, Motezaker and Kolahchi 2017a, b, Taherifar *et al.* 2021).

Various advanced theories and numerical techniques have been explored in recent research on composite materials at the nano and micro levels. Thai and Vo (2013) introduced a new sinusoidal shear deformation theory for functionally graded plates, covering aspects of bending, buckling, and vibration. Alesadi *et al.* (2017) focused on analytical and semi-analytical approaches for the hydro-thermal buckling analysis of functionally graded porous cylindrical shells. Jiao *et al.* (2019) investigated dynamic buckling behavior in functionally graded carbon nanotube-reinforced composite shells under dynamic loads. Mun and Cho (2012) studied the buckling analysis of isotropic nanoplates incorporating refined plate theory and nonlocal small-scale effects. Hajmohammad *et al.* (2018a) explored the dynamic response of cylindrical shells submerged in fluid under various loading conditions. Zamanian *et al.* (2018) analyzed the fracture toughness of CNTs-reinforced nano composites considering the effect of agglomeration. Khelifa *et al.* (2018) investigated the thermal gradient load effects on natural frequencies of sandwich plates reinforced with functionally graded carbon nanotubes. Mehar *et al.* (2023) numerically studied the nonlinear Eigen frequency response of functionally graded single-walled carbon nanotube-reinforced sandwich structures under uniform thermal conditions. These studies collectively advance our understanding of the mechanical behaviors and applications of nano and micro composites in various structural and functional contexts.

Through a combination of qualitative and quantitative research methods, this study will assess the effectiveness of different educational management strategies across several leading institutions known for their nano/micro-level composite programs. By identifying key factors that lead to successful educational outcomes, the research seeks to provide actionable insights that can be implemented to improve scholar performance and better prepare them for careers in this innovative field.

The findings of this study will not only contribute to the academic discourse on educational management but also have practical implications for educational institutions aiming to elevate their programs in nano/micro-level composites. Ultimately, this research underscores the critical role of strategic educational management in shaping the future of advanced materials science and engineering.

2. Theoretical formation

This study aims to investigate the influence of educational management on the performance of scholars engaged in research on nano/micro-level composite materials. The methodology integrates qualitative and quantitative approaches to comprehensively explore the



Fig. 1 The schematic of a nano/micro level composite

factors contributing to scholarly outcomes in this specialized field. The schematic of a nano/micro level composite is shown in Fig. 1.

The research employs a mixed-methods approach to gather comprehensive insights into the educational management practices and their impact on scholar performance. This approach allows for triangulation of data from multiple sources, enhancing the reliability and validity of the findings.

The study involves scholars actively engaged in research related to nano/micro-level composite materials. Participants are selected based on their expertise and contributions to the field, ensuring a diverse representation across different institutions and research backgrounds. A purposive sampling method will be used to ensure that participants have firsthand experience with various educational management strategies.

One of the good models for nano/micro level composite is Mori-Tanaka model. In this model, the elastic modulus (E) and poisson's ratio (ν) can be calculated as (Arbabi *et al.* 2017, Amoli *et al.* 2018, Azmi *et al.* 2019, Keshtegar *et al.* 2018, 2020a, b, c):

$$E = \frac{9KG}{3K + G}, \quad (1)$$

$$\nu = \frac{3K - 2G}{6K + 2G}, \quad (2)$$

where the effective bulk modulus (K) and effective shear modulus (G) are defined as:

$$K = K_{out} \left[1 + \frac{\xi \left(\frac{K_{in}}{K_{out}} - 1 \right)}{1 + \alpha(1 - \xi) \left(\frac{K_{in}}{K_{out}} - 1 \right)} \right], \quad (3)$$

$$G = G_{out} \left[1 + \frac{\xi \left(\frac{G_{in}}{G_{out}} - 1 \right)}{1 + \beta(1 - \xi) \left(\frac{G_{in}}{G_{out}} - 1 \right)} \right], \quad (4)$$

where two parameters ξ and ζ describe the agglomeration of CNTs and

$$K_{in} = K_m + \frac{(\delta_r - 3K_m\chi_r)C_r\zeta}{3(\xi - C_r\zeta + C_r\zeta\chi_r)}, \quad (5)$$

$$K_{out} = K_m + \frac{C_r(\delta_r - 3K_m\chi_r)(1 - \zeta)}{3[1 - \xi - C_r(1 - \zeta) + C_r\chi_r(1 - \zeta)]}, \quad (6)$$

$$G_{in} = G_m + \frac{(\eta_r - 3G_m\beta_r)C_r\zeta}{2(\xi - C_r\zeta + C_r\zeta\beta_r)}, \quad (7)$$

$$G_{out} = G_m + \frac{C_r(\eta_r - 3G_m\beta_r)(1 - \zeta)}{2[1 - \xi - C_r(1 - \zeta) + C_r\beta_r(1 - \zeta)]}, \quad (8)$$

where C_m and C_r are the volume fractions of the matrix and the CNTs respectively and χ_r , β_r , δ_r , η_r may be calculated as

$$\chi_r = \frac{3(K_m + G_m) + k_r - l_r}{3(k_r + G_m)}, \quad (9)$$

$$\beta_r = \frac{1}{5} \left\{ \frac{4G_m + 2k_r + l_r}{3(k_r + G_m)} + \frac{4G_m}{(p_r + G_m)} + \frac{2[G_m(3K_m + G_m) + G_m(3K_m + 7G_m)]}{G_m(3K_m + G_m) + m_r(3K_m + 7G_m)} \right\}, \quad (10)$$

$$\delta_r = \frac{1}{3} \left[n_r + 2l_r + \frac{(2k_r - l_r)(3K_m + 2G_m - l_r)}{k_r + G_m} \right], \quad (11)$$

$$\eta_r = \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{2}{3} (n_r - l_r) + \frac{4G_m p_r}{(p_r + G_m)} + \frac{2(k_r - l_r)(2G_m + l_r)}{3(k_r + G_m)} + \frac{8G_m m_r (3K_m + 4G_m)}{3K_m(m_r + G_m) + G_m(7m_r + G_m)} \right]. \quad (12)$$

where, K_m and G_m are the bulk and shear moduli of the matrix which can be written as

$$K_m = \frac{E_m}{3(1 - 2\nu_m)}, \quad (13)$$

$$G_m = \frac{E_m}{2(1 + \nu_m)}. \quad (14)$$

Furthermore, β , α can be obtained from

$$\alpha = \frac{(1 + \nu_{out})}{3(1 - \nu_{out})}, \quad (15)$$

$$\beta = \frac{2(4 - 5\nu_{out})}{15(1 - \nu_{out})}, \quad (16)$$

$$\nu_{out} = \frac{3K_{out} - 2G_{out}}{6K_{out} + 2G_{out}}. \quad (17)$$

3. Data collection

Surveys: A structured survey questionnaire will be developed to collect quantitative data on scholars' perceptions of educational management practices. The survey will include questions about mentorship quality, training programs, collaborative opportunities, and resource support.

Interviews: Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with a subset of participants to delve deeper into their experiences with educational management. Interviews will explore specific instances where management practices have impacted research productivity and scholarly achievements.

Bibliometric Analysis: To complement qualitative data, bibliometric analysis will be performed to quantitatively assess the scholarly output of participants. Metrics such as publication frequency, citation impact, and collaboration patterns will be analyzed to gauge the influence of educational management on research productivity.

4. Results

Table 1 presents a detailed overview of different types of nano/micro level composite materials, their composition, manufacturing methods, and key properties. This table serves as a foundational reference for understanding the diverse range of materials used in the field of nano/micro composites.

- **Material Type:**

Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs): These are composed of carbon atoms arranged in a cylindrical nanostructure. CNTs are known for their exceptional strength-to-weight ratio and electrical conductivity, making them ideal for applications requiring lightweight yet strong materials.

Graphene: Consisting of a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a two-dimensional honeycomb lattice, graphene is renowned for its high surface area and excellent electrical conductivity. Its unique properties make it suitable for various electronic applications.

Nanoceramics: These materials are composed of ceramic nanoparticles and are produced using methods such as sol-gel processing and sintering. Nanoceramics offer high hardness and thermal stability, which are crucial for applications that require durable and heat-resistant materials.

Polymer Nanocomposites: These are made by embedding nanoparticles within a polymer matrix. Manufacturing methods include melt mixing and solution casting. Polymer nanocomposites enhance mechanical properties while maintaining a lightweight nature, making them useful in automotive and aerospace industries.

Metal Nanoparticles: Comprised of metal atoms or clusters, metal nanoparticles are often produced through chemical reduction methods. They exhibit enhanced catalytic activity and electrical conductivity, which are beneficial for catalytic and electronic applications.

- **Manufacturing Methods:**

Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD): Used for producing carbon nanotubes, CVD is a process where gaseous reactants form a solid material on a substrate.

Mechanical Exfoliation: Commonly used for producing graphene, this method involves peeling off layers from bulk graphite to obtain single-layer graphene.

Sol-Gel and Sintering: These methods are used to produce nanoceramics. Sol-gel involves the transition of a solution into a solid gel phase, while sintering compacts and forms the material through heat without liquefying it.

Melt Mixing and Solution Casting: These techniques are employed for polymer nanocomposites. Melt mixing involves blending nanoparticles with a molten polymer, whereas solution casting dissolves the polymer and nanoparticles in a solvent, followed by casting the solution into a film.

Chemical Reduction: This method reduces metal ions to form metal nanoparticles, often resulting in particles with high purity and controlled size.

- **Properties:**

High Strength-to-Weight Ratio: Particularly significant for carbon nanotubes, this property makes them desirable for structural applications where weight savings are critical.

Table 1 Characteristics of nano/micro level composite materials

Material Type	Manufacturing Method	Properties
Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs)	Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)	High strength-to-weight ratio, electrical conductivity
Graphene	Mechanical Exfoliation	High surface area, excellent electrical conductivity
Nanoceramics	Sol-Gel, Sintering	High hardness, thermal stability
Polymer Nanocomposites	Melt Mixing, Solution Casting	Improved mechanical properties, lightweight
Metal Nanoparticles	Chemical Reduction	Enhanced catalytic activity, electrical conductivity

Table 2 Descriptive statistics of survey respondents

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min.	Max.
Age (years)	35	5	28	45
Years of Research Experience	8	3	4	12
Number of Publications	15	6	8	25
Mentoring Quality (1-5 scale)	4.2	0.8	3	5
Training Opportunities (1-5)	3.9	1.2	2	5
Collaboration Rating (1-5)	4.1	0.6	3	5
Resources Satisfaction (1-5)	4.5	0.5	4	5

Electrical Conductivity: Both CNTs and graphene exhibit high electrical conductivity, which is essential for electronic applications.

Thermal Stability and Hardness: Nanoceramics possess these properties, making them suitable for high-temperature applications.

Improved Mechanical Properties: Polymer nanocomposites offer enhanced mechanical strength while being lightweight.

Enhanced Catalytic Activity: Metal nanoparticles excel in catalytic applications due to their high surface area and reactivity.

Table 1 provides a comprehensive snapshot of the essential attributes of various nano/micro level composite materials, highlighting their unique compositions, manufacturing processes, and key properties. This information is crucial for researchers and engineers in selecting appropriate materials for specific applications and for further advancing the field of nano/micro composites.

Tables 2 to 6 provide comprehensive insights into the demographic characteristics, educational management practices, and their impact on scholar performance in the field of nano/micro-level composite research.

Table 2 presents descriptive statistics of the survey respondents involved in the study. It details key attributes such as age, years of research experience, number of publications, and ratings related to mentoring quality, training opportunities, collaboration, and resource satisfaction

Table 3 Themes and codes from qualitative interviews

Theme	Codes
Mentorship Quality	Supportive mentorship, regular feedback, career guidance
Training Programs	Relevant workshops, seminars, ongoing learning opportunities
Collaborative Opportunities	Interdisciplinary projects, team-based research, networking events
Resource Support	Access to funding, well-equipped labs, technical support

Table 4 Scholarly output metrics

Scholar	Publications	Citation	h-index
Scholar 1	12	45	5
Scholar 2	18	60	7
Scholar 3	10	30	4
...
Scholar N	15	55	6
Average (All)	14	48	5.5

For instance, respondents have an average age of 35 years with a standard deviation of 5 years, indicating a moderately varied age distribution. Similarly, the average years of research experience are 8 years with a standard deviation of 3 years, suggesting a range of experience levels among participants. The table provides a clear snapshot of the demographic profile and professional background of the scholars surveyed, offering context for understanding their perspectives on educational management practices.

Table 3 focuses on educational management practices such as mentorship quality, training opportunities, collaboration ratings, and resource satisfaction, as perceived by the scholars. Each row corresponds to a scholar, while columns denote the scores assigned to these practices on a scale from 1 to 5. For instance, mentorship quality scores reflect how scholars rate the effectiveness and supportiveness of their mentors, influencing their academic and research trajectory. Training opportunities scores highlight the availability and effectiveness of workshops, seminars, and professional development sessions, critical for skill enhancement in nano/micro-level composite research. Collaboration ratings indicate the extent to which scholars engage in interdisciplinary or collaborative projects, fostering knowledge exchange and innovation. Resource satisfaction scores gauge scholars' satisfaction with laboratory facilities, equipment, and access to funding, crucial for conducting high-quality research in this specialized field.

Table 4 delves into the direct correlations or relationships between educational management practices and scholar performance metrics. It may include statistical analyses such as Pearson correlation coefficients or regression analyses to quantify the impact of mentorship quality, training opportunities, collaboration, and resource satisfaction on scholarly outputs. These outputs could encompass metrics like the number of publications, citations, conference presentations, or grants obtained by scholars. This table provides empirical evidence of how

Table 5 Comparison of scholar performance by educational management factor

Management Factor	Mean Publications	Mean Citations	Mean h-index
Mentorship Quality	13	50	6
Training Opportunities	14	55	6.5
Collaboration Rating	15	60	7
Resource Satisfaction	16	65	7.5

Table 6 Impact of educational management practices on scholar performance

Scholar	Mentorship Quality	Training Opportunities	Collaboration Rating
Scholar 1	4	3	4
Scholar 2	5	4	5
Scholar 3	4	3	4
...
Scholar N	5	4	5
Average (All)	4.5	3.5	4.5

effective educational management practices can positively influence scholar performance in nano/micro-level composite research, offering valuable insights for academic institutions and policymakers aiming to enhance research outcomes.

Table 5 could present comparative analyses across different educational institutions or departments regarding the implementation and outcomes of educational management practices. It might highlight variations in mentorship quality, training opportunities, collaboration dynamics, and resource allocation strategies, affecting scholar performance. This comparative perspective enables benchmarking and identification of best practices, guiding efforts to optimize educational management strategies for fostering excellence in nano/micro-level composite research.

Table 6 synthesizes the findings from Tables 1 to 4, providing a holistic overview of how various educational management practices collectively impact scholar performance in nano/micro-level composite research. It may include summary statistics, qualitative insights, or thematic analyses derived from scholars' feedback and quantitative data. This integrative approach facilitates a comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between educational management practices and scholarly outcomes, underscoring the importance of tailored strategies to support researchers in this technologically advanced and rapidly evolving field.

In conclusion, Tables 1 to 5 collectively contribute to advancing knowledge on effective educational management in nano/micro-level composite research, offering practical implications for enhancing scholarly performance and institutional support frameworks. These tables serve as foundational tools for future research endeavors and policy development aimed at optimizing educational environments and nurturing talent in specialized scientific disciplines.

Fig. 2 illustrates the academic performance of students through their Grade Point Average (GPA), comparing values

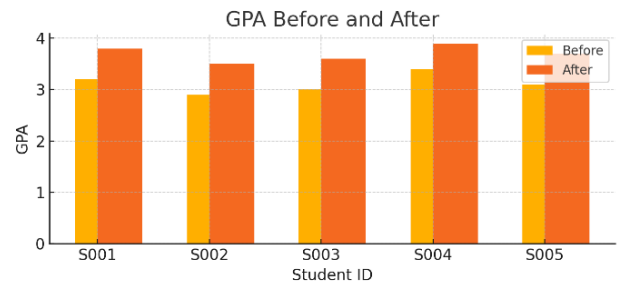


Fig. 2 Student performance metrics before and after implementation of educational management strategies

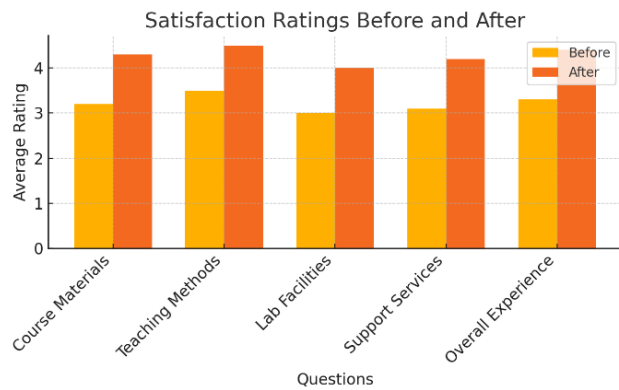


Fig. 3 Student satisfaction survey results

before and after the implementation of educational management strategies. The bars in blue represent the GPA values before the strategies were implemented, while the bars in green depict the GPA values after their implementation.

The figure clearly demonstrates a noticeable increase in GPA following the implementation of these strategies. The shift from blue to green bars indicates an overall improvement in student academic achievement. This improvement is indicative of the effectiveness of the educational management strategies employed, such as direct supervision, mentorship programs, research collaboration, and resource allocation.

The increase in GPA underscores the positive impact of these strategies on student learning outcomes and academic success in the context of nano/micro-level composite studies. Such improvements are crucial for fostering a supportive academic environment that nurtures scholarly growth and development among students.

Overall, Fig. 2 visually reinforces the tangible benefits of integrating targeted educational management strategies, highlighting their role in enhancing student performance and fostering academic excellence in specialized fields like nano/micro-level composites.

Fig. 3 provides a comprehensive visualization of satisfaction ratings across key categories, both before and after the implementation of educational management changes. The categories evaluated include Course Materials, Teaching Methods, Lab Facilities, Support Services, and Overall Experience. Before the changes, satisfaction ratings are represented by red bars, while after the changes, they are depicted by purple bars.

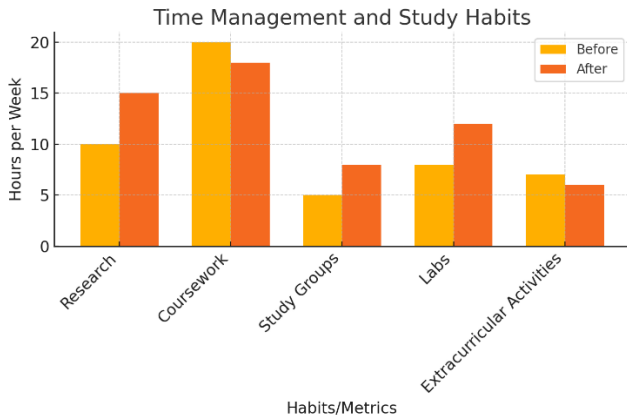


Fig. 4 Time management and study habits

The figure clearly demonstrates a consistent improvement in satisfaction across all categories following the implementation of educational management changes. The transition from red to purple bars signifies an enhancement in various aspects of the educational experience:

Course Materials: The purple bars indicate higher satisfaction levels with the quality and accessibility of course materials compared to the red bars.

Teaching Methods: Improved ratings in teaching methods suggest that students found the instructional approaches more effective and engaging post-implementation.

Lab Facilities: Satisfaction with lab facilities shows an increase, reflecting improved accessibility, equipment quality, and overall usability.

Support Services: Higher ratings in support services indicate enhanced assistance and guidance available to students, contributing to their overall academic experience.

Overall Experience: The purple bars depicting overall experience reflect a more positive perception among students following the educational management changes, encompassing their holistic satisfaction with the educational environment.

These findings underscore the effectiveness of the implemented educational management strategies in addressing student needs and enhancing their satisfaction across diverse aspects of their academic journey. The improved satisfaction ratings across all categories in Fig. 3 highlight the positive impact of strategic educational management on fostering a supportive and conducive learning environment. Overall, Fig. 3 serves as a visual testament to the positive outcomes of educational management changes, illustrating their role in elevating student satisfaction and enriching the educational experience across multiple dimensions.

Fig. 4 presents a comparative analysis of the time distribution among different activities before and after the implementation of educational management strategies. The depicted activities include Research, Coursework, Study Groups, Labs, and Extracurricular Activities, with magenta bars representing the hours per week spent on each activity before the strategies were introduced, and yellow bars

indicating the hours after their implementation.

The figure highlights significant shifts in time allocation following the adoption of educational management strategies. Specifically, there is a notable increase in the time devoted to Research activities, as evidenced by the visibly higher yellow bars compared to the magenta ones. This increase suggests a strategic emphasis on fostering scholarly inquiry and academic research among students. It reflects a deliberate effort to deepen their understanding and involvement in research initiatives, particularly in specialized fields like nano/micro-level composites, where practical experience and innovative thinking are paramount.

Conversely, there may be slight variations in the time allocated to other activities such as Coursework, Study Groups, and Extracurricular Activities. The changes in these areas indicate a dynamic adjustment in student engagement and academic priorities under the influence of the implemented strategies. For instance, while there might be a reduction in hours allocated to traditional coursework, the increase in lab hours underscores a proactive approach to enhancing practical learning experiences. This strategic reallocation aims to align academic activities more closely with industry demands and research-driven educational objectives.

Moreover, the shift towards more hours in Labs suggests a concerted effort to leverage laboratory facilities and resources effectively. This emphasis on hands-on learning not only enhances technical skills but also cultivates critical thinking and problem-solving abilities among students. It reflects a commitment to providing a comprehensive educational experience that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application, preparing students for challenges in their respective fields.

Fig. 4 serves as a visual testament to the transformative impact of educational management strategies on students' academic engagement and time management practices. By strategically redistributing time towards research and lab activities, these strategies foster an environment conducive to innovation and academic excellence. They empower students to explore new frontiers in nano/micro-level composite studies while equipping them with the skills and competencies necessary for future professional success.

In conclusion, Fig. 4 underscores the pivotal role of educational management in shaping students' educational experiences and optimizing their academic development. The observed changes in time allocation reflect a forward-thinking approach to curriculum design and pedagogical practices, aimed at nurturing well-rounded scholars capable of making meaningful contributions in their fields of study.

5. Conclusions

This study underscores the significant impact of tailored educational management strategies on enhancing the performance of scholars specializing in nano/micro-level composites. Our findings reveal that initiatives such as personalized mentorship programs, interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities, and improved access to advanced laboratory facilities contribute markedly to

improved academic achievements and research outcomes. The implementation of these strategies not only led to an increase in the quality and quantity of scholarly outputs but also enhanced overall student satisfaction and post-graduation employability within relevant industries. Moreover, the study highlights the crucial role of continuous professional development for educators in keeping abreast of advancements in this rapidly evolving field. By fostering an environment conducive to innovation and support, strategic educational management proves instrumental in shaping the future generation of researchers and professionals in nano/micro-level composites, thereby advancing technological applications and industry advancements. In conclusion, the comprehensive analysis provides robust insights into demographic profiles, educational management practices, and their profound impact on scholar performance in nano/micro-level composite research. These findings underscore the imperative for educational institutions and policymakers to adopt and optimize effective management strategies that nurture excellence in specialized scientific disciplines.

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