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# Personal Profile

* Energetic, multi-tasking and enthusiastic leader, educator and mentor characterized by clarity of purpose, the abilities to: build capacity; embrace opportunities for growth and development, support high-performing teams, set high expectations and mentor staff and students.
* Passionate about educational improvement and the role of education in building individuals and societies.
* Excellent public speaking, presentation and cross-cultural communication skills.
* Results-oriented team player.
* Possesses strong leadership skills and is able to motivate others.
* Perfectly bilingual (Arabic and English) with strong writing capabilities in both.

**Professional Preparation**

* 2016  **Ph.D. in Education Policy and Evaluation (High honors),** *Florida*

*State University.*

* 2015 **Certificate in Measurements and Statistics,** *Florida State*

*University.*

* 2013 **Certificate in Human Performance Technology,** *Florida State*

*University.*

* 2012 **Certificate in Program Evaluation**, *Florida State University*.
* 2011 **Certificate in International Humanitarian Law*,*** *Florida State*

*University.*

* 2006 **Certificate in Early Childhood,** *University of Bahrain.*
* 2005 **M.Ed in Management and Policy Studies,** *University of Bristol***.**
* 1995 **Post Graduate Diploma in Arabic Language,** *University of*

*Bahrain.*

* 1992  **BA in Arabic Literature & Education (High honors),** *University of*

*Bahrain.*

**Experience**

Oct 2013-Dec 2013 Learning Systems Institute, FSU Tallahassee, FL

**Project Research Assistant**

* Developing literature review on early reading issues in Arabic-Speaking World
* Conducting interviews and data collection
* Transcribing interviews and data analysis.

Oct 2011-May 2013 Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, FSU Tallahassee, FL

**Research Assistant**

* Participate in the design, execution, and data analysis of different projects;
* Develop literature reviews, synthesize information and create road maps for different projects.
* Design research protocols; analyze qualitative and quantitative data using HLM, SPSS, STATA, G-power and Nvivo software.
* Prepare interview questions
* Prepare other articles, reports, and presentations

September 07- June 2010 Ministry of Education Kingdom of Bahrain, Manama

**Adviser for plans and programs at the Ministry of Education**

* Coordinated the Teachers' Initiative, which resulted on the formation of a new teacher training college (BTC). The project focused on reforming teachers’ pre-service and in-service education in addition to updating the process and tools for teachers’ recruitment process, performance review and appraisals.
* Coordinate between various stakeholders within the Ministry of Education, University of Bahrain and the International Partner.
* Design workshops in collaboration with the international partner to develop sessions on teacher Performance Management System (PMS).
* Develop workshops in collaboration with the international partner on developing teacher profile and recruitment standards.
* Planned, analyzed and implemented various education policies and programs related to school improvement and teacher development in the kingdom.

August 06 –August 07 Al Ruwad School Kingdom of Bahrain, Hamalah

**Primary School Principal**

* Led and managed learning and teaching of the primary and the pre-school.
* Assisted in developing curriculum and supported teachers in developing teaching materials
* Recruited teachers and staff for different positions.
* Created and edited different school literature in both Arabic and English

Oct 04 - Jun 05 Bedminster Down School UK, Bristol,

**Math Tutor**

* Teach Math for Grade 7-GCSE.
* Prepared extracurricular materials.
* Assisted challenged students in understanding and solving math problems

1993 - Jun 06 Bahrain Bayan School (Bilingual School) Bahrain, Isa Town

**Primary School Math Teacher**

* Teaching Math in both languages Arabic and English.
* Prepare student’s exams, grades, and extracurricular activities.
* Participate in all School events.
* Creating materials and assisting students with math difficulties.

**Conferences Presentations and Invited Professional Development Seminars**

2013 Helen Boyle and Samah Al Ajjawi, Topical Analysis of Early Grade Reading Instruction. All Children Learning: Middle East & North Africa. Rabat, Morocco

2013 The Impact of Math Teachers’ Background and Professional Development on Grade 8 Students’ Achievement in Math in the Kingdom Of Bahrain. Southeast Regional Conference (CIES), Tallahassee, FL

2012 Women Leadership in Arab Countries: Does it exist? Florida International Leadership Conference (FILC), Altoona, FL

2012 Cross Cultural Existence. (Invited Presentation) for the Global Citizenship Certificate program. Florida State University Center for Global Engagement.

2010 Teacher Evaluation: Needs and Challenges. Monterey Institute of International Studies.(Professional Seminar)

2010 Building Cultural Ties. Monterey Institute of International Studies.(Professional Seminar)

2008 The Standards on selecting Arab Teachers for the teaching profession (In Arabic). Arab League, Cairo

1995 The Role of Math Manipulative in Students Leaning. Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESA) Conference, Athens, Greece

**Awards**

* 2010-2013 Fulbright Graduate Scholarship, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State
* 2007 The Kingdom of Bahrain Prestigious “Eid Al Elm Award” for Master Graduates. Kingdom of Bahrain.
* 2004-2005 Chevening Scholarship, Sponsored by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)
* 1993 The Kingdom of Bahrain Prestigious “Eid Al Elm Award” for Distinction in Bachelor Degrees. Kingdom of Bahrain.

**Other Related Activities**

* 2013-2015 Member of the Southeast Evaluation Association
* 2012-2014 Board member of the Fulbright Association-North Florida Chapter
* Fall 2013-Summer 2014 Treasurer of the Arabian Gulf Student Association at FSU
* 2012-2014 Founder and a member of the Arabian Gulf Student Association at FSU
* 2012-2014 Volunteered in Project Downtown Tallahassee
* 2004 to 2005 Member of the ISOC Society in University of Bristol(UK)
* 2004 to 2005 Member of the Multi Faith Women group in University of Bristol(UK)
* Feb 05-Jun 05 Volunteered in teaching Arabic as a second language in University of Bristol (UK)
* 2002 to 2003 Head of Girl Guide Team (Scouts) at Bayan School.
* 1999 to 2002 Primary School Representative in the PTA of Bayan School.
* 2000 Director of Arabic School Play (Batoot).
* 1994, 1999 A member in the Math accreditation committee, Bayan School.
* 1990-1995 A member of Awal Women society

**Knowledge of Statistical Software**

* Mplus
* IBM SPSS Statistics
* Stata
* HLM
* G-power

# References

Upon request