

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- Oct. 1999 - UNIVERSITY OF EXETER, Exeter, England
Nov. 2005 **Ph. D. in the Field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language**
- Oct. 1983- YARMOUK UNIVERSITY, Irbid, Jordan
June 1986 **M.A. in the Field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language**
- Oct. 1980 - YARMOUK UNIVERSITY, Irbid, Jordan
Oct. 1983 **B.A. in English Language and Literature**

FULL TIME EXPERIENCE:

- Sept. 1999- UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH
Present P.O. Box 27272, English Language Center, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Full Time EFL Teacher

Teach communicative English language skills in the Intensive English Program to prepare students for their career programs taught in English. Have taught a wide range of English courses from level one to level four. Components of these levels are listening, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar and TOEFL courses. Taught English courses in the English Department, i.e. "English for Communication" and "Academic English." Involved in various academic committees, i.e. "Teacher Support Committee," "Community Service Committee," "Curriculum Committee," "Textbook Committee," etc. Participated in different professional development workshops, i.e. "Teaching and Learning in the ELT Classroom: First Sharjah Colloquium," "Unlocking the Chatter Box," "Creative TOEFL Teaching," "Cambridge TESOL: Developing Study Skills for Higher Education," etc.

- Nov. 1997- AL AIN NURSING INSTITUTE, TAWAM HOSPITAL
Aug. 1999 Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Full Time EFL Teacher

Taught English to students studying for the Ministry's Nursing Diploma, in which English was the medium of instruction. Involved in teaching communicative English skills and medical English to nursing students. Also involved in evaluating, developing and revising curricula and materials.

Aug. 1988 -
Aug. 1997

HIGHER COLLEGES OF TECHNOLOGY

Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Full Time EFL Teacher

Taught English to prepare students for Higher Colleges' Certificate Diploma and Higher Diploma. Taught English from foundation to graduate level across Business & Office Administration programs. Main course components included English for Academic Purposes; English for Business Skills; and English for Computer Skills. Involved in curriculum revision; development of instructional materials; course evaluation and testing. Participated in various professional development workshops.

Oct. 1987 -
June 1988

AL AIN SECONDARY SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL

Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Full Time EFL Teacher

Taught English at a secondary level in order to fulfill UAE government curriculum requirements. Also taught English to students at a post-secondary level studying for a Diploma qualification in various vocational courses.

June 1986 -
June 1987

MODERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ramallah, Palestine

Full Time EFL Teacher

Taught TEFL methodology to EFL teacher trainees. Also involved in 'in-service' training of EFL trainees in government schools.

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

February 15, 2015 -
July 14, 2007

Al Qasimia University

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Intensive English Program Coordinator

Coordinated the intensive English program at Alqasimia University for spring and summer semesters. Was responsible for running the program. Was involved in deciding the course contents, testing the students and addressing the needs and concerns of the administration as well as the students.

June 3, 2007
July 15, 2007

UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Summer English Program Coordinator

Coordinated a summer English program in the English Language Center of the University of Sharjah. Was responsible for running the program in three places: Men's and Women's Campuses in Sharjah and Khor Fakkan

Campus in Khor Fakkan. Had 10 instructors to deal with and 142 students to serve.

July 3, 2000
Aug. 17, 2000

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Student Supervisor

Accompanied a group of students from the University of Sharjah to the seven-week Exeter University Intensive English Program in England. Followed up traveling and accommodation arrangements, academic and daily life issues of this group in Exeter.

PUBLICATIONS:

Saafin, S. (2008). Arab tertiary students' perceptions of effective teachers. *Learning and teaching in higher education: Gulf perspectives* 5(2).

Saafin, S. (2013) An investigation into Arab students' perceptions of effective EFL teachers at university level. *Arab world English journal* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from Dissertations database <http://www.awej.org/?section=18>

Saafin, S. (2014) Different performance of EFL university students on TOEFL and IELTS. *Arab world English journal* 5(1). Retrieved from http://www.awej.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=426:saleh-saafin&catid=46&Itemid=152

PERSONAL:

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