

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Academic Degrees**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>DEGREE</b>   | <b>INSTITUTION</b>                                      |
|-------------|---|---|
| 2001- 2005  | PhD<br>Emphasis: Diabetes mellitus/Nursing Education/Teaching Strategies                | University of Kansas/ School of Nursing/USA             |
| 1997-1999   | M.S.N<br>Emphasis: Human responses and adaptation to alteration in health/Adult Health. | University of Windsor-Ontario, Canada                   |
| 1991-1995   | B.S.N<br>Emphasis: General Nursing/Community Health                                     | Jordan University of Science & Technology (JUST)/Jordan |

**Work experience**

**University of Sharjah, College of Health Sciences, Nursing Department (2008-present)**

- Assistant professor (2008 – 2016)
- Associate professor (July 2016-present)
- Chair of nursing department (2012-2013)
- Assistant Dean (2014- 2016)
  - ❖ Carry out department's administrative duties (e.g. running department council at regular levels, budget preparation, strategic plan preparation, teaching load preparation, recruitment files preparation, and following laboratory purchasing process).
  - ❖ Teach nursing core courses and college shared courses (e.g. Fundamentals of nursing, physical assessment, advanced communication, advanced health assessment, research practicum, introduction to research, adult health nursing, adult health nursing practicum, clinical practicum 1B, clinical practicum 2B, clinical practicum 3B, ethical and legal issues in health profession).
  - ❖ Organize department's academic and community activities within and outside the college.
  - ❖ Advise students academically from both stream A (Basic) and stream B (Bridging).
  - ❖ Conduct research in the area of specialization and nursing education.
  - ❖ Participate in department, college and university committees.
  - ❖ Develop strategic plans for the college and the department.
  - ❖ Participate in developing business plan for the Masters program in critical care nursing.
  - ❖ Revise and update course files and curriculum.
  - ❖ Develop new teaching assessment tools for theory and practical courses.
  - ❖ Integrate none-traditional teaching methods like Problem-Based Learning and Team-Based Learning in teaching.

- ❖ Assist the dean in duties related to accreditation, students advising and special cases, preparing annual report for the college.

**Jordan university of Science and Technology, Jordan**

- Full time lecturer (February 2007- May 2008)

Duties include:

- ❖ Teach wide range of courses such as adult health nursing, growth and development, physical assessment, and adult health nursing practicum.
- ❖ Supervise students in clinical settings.
- ❖ Advise students academically.
- ❖ Participate in relevant committees at college and university level.

**University of Kansas Medical Center/Kansas/USA**

- Research Assistant (June 2005-May 2006 –Following PhD studies)

Duties include:

- ❖ Participate in a randomized controlled trial titled " promoting and supporting breastfeeding among teenage mothers" funded by the 4-year National Institute of Health/National Institute of Nursing Research by Karen Wambach, Ph.D., RN, IBCLC. Specific duties include data collection, data entry, events coordinator, follow up with participants and data analysis.

**Jordan University of Science & Technology/School of Nursing/Jordan**

- Full-time Lecturer (August 1999-August 2011):

Duties include:

- ❖ Teaching wide ranges of nursing core courses including adult health nursing, research skills, physical assessment, growth and development, and fundamentals of nursing.
- ❖ Participating in developing new plans and methods for teaching and training.
- ❖ Directing and supervising second year nursing students in clinical skills laboratories and clinical settings.
- ❖ Mentoring and supervising clinical tutors in clinical settings

**Jordan University of Science & Technology/School of Nursing/Jordan**

- Clinical instructor (1995-1997)

Duties include:

- ❖ Supervising nursing students in the laboratory settings.
- ❖ Conducting clinical exams including Objective Structure Clinical Exams (OSCE) and Objective Structure Practical Exams (OSPE).
- ❖ Collaborating with the health care team in community and hospital settings.
- ❖ Supervising students in clinical settings in adult health nursing and pediatric nursing.
- ❖ Participate in ongoing research projects.

**University of Windsor/School of Nursing/Ontario/Canada**

- Teaching Assistant 1998-1999

Duties include:

- ❖ Supervising nursing students in clinical skills laboratory setting
- ❖ Evaluating and grading students' work and integration of theory into practice.
- ❖ Participating in ongoing research projects of faculty members.

**Prince Raya Hospital, Jordan**

- Registered Nurse (June-September 1995)

Duties include:

- ❖ Registered Staff Nurse in female medical and surgical floor
- ❖ Registered Staff Nurse in male medical and surgical floor

## Professional leadership/Organization participation

### • **International membership**

- ❖ Member in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing-Delta Chapter/USA. (2001- present).
- ❖ Member in the American Diabetes Educators/USA. (2009-present).

### • **Local and institutional membership**

- ❖ Member of the Jordanian Nurses and Midwives Council (1995-present).
- ❖ Member in several committees at the School of Nursing at JUST/Jordan such as, Library Committee, Nursing Laboratories Committee, and Continuing Education Committee (1995-1997, 1999-2001, 2007-2008).
- ❖ Member in the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS)/USA. (2001-2007).
- ❖ Member of Students Assessment Committee, University of Sharjah, UoS/UAE.(2008-2010).
- ❖ Chair of Students Assessment Committee, University of Sharjah, UoS/UAE. (2010-2012).
- ❖ Member of Faculty Affairs Committee, University of Sharjah, UoS/UAE (2011-2012).
- ❖ Member of recruitment committee, College of Health Sciences, University of Sharjah, UoS/UAE. (2012-2014).
- ❖ Member of the Institutional Effectiveness and Academic Accreditation Committee, University of Sharjah, UoS/UAE. (2012- 2014).
- ❖ Chair of Educational Quality and Academic Accreditation Committee (now academic accreditation committee)/University of Sharjah/UoS/CHS/UAE. (2013-present).
- ❖ Educational consultant at the Nursing and Midwifery Council/Education Committee, UAE. (2011- present).
- ❖ Chair of the accreditation committee, College of Health Sciences, University of Sharjah, UoS/UAE. (August 2014-present).

## Research & Publications

### **Research & publications**

Total publication: **15**

### Article published:

- ❖ **Bani issa, W.**, Al Shujairi, A., Patrick, L. (2017) "Association between quality of sleep and health-related quality of life in persons with Diabetes Mellitus Type 2." *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jocn.14221/full>.
- ❖ Al Momani, F., & **Bani issa, W.** (2017). The incidence of depression among residents of assisted living: prevalence and related risk factors. *Clinical intervention in aging*, 12, 1645-1653.
- ❖ Almomani, F. M., & **Bani-issa, W.** (2017). Physical, mental and cognitive disabilities in relation to utilization of dental care services by nursing home residents. *Special Care in Dentistry*, 37(3), 126-133.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, Eldeirawi, K., Harfil, S., & Fakhry, R. (2017). Vitamin D Deficiency and Its Determinants in Adults: A Sample from Community-Based Settings in the United Arab Emirates. *International journal of endocrinology*, 2017.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, Wegdan**, et al. "Satisfaction of health-care providers with electronic health records and perceived barriers to its implementation in the United Arab Emirates." *International Journal of Nursing Practice* 2, 4 (2016): 408-416.
- ❖ Al-Yateem, Nabeel S., **Wegdan Bani Issa**, and Rachel Rossiter. "Childhood Stress in Healthcare Settings: Awareness and Suggested Interventions." *Issues in comprehensive pediatric nursing* 38.2 (2015): 136-153.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, El deirawi, K., & Al tawil, H. (2015). Perspectives on the attitudes of healthcare providers toward diabetes at community based settings in the United Arab Emirates. *Journal of Diabetes Mellitus*. 5, 1-11
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, Rempusheski, V. (2014). Congruency between teaching beliefs and an electronic health records teaching strategy. *Journal Nurse Education Today* 34 (2014) 906–911.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, Al momani F., Eldeirawi, K. (2013). Urinary incontinence among adult women with diabetes in Jordan: epidemiology, correlates and perceived impact on emotional and social well-being. *Journal of clinical nursing*, Sep, doi: 10.1111/jocn.12392.
- ❖ Kennedy, D., Sylvia, E., **Bani-Issa, W.** & Khater, W. (2005). Beyond the rhythm and routine: Adjusting to a life in assisted living. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 31, 17-23.

- ❖ Al momani, F., McDowd, J., **Bani-issa, W.**, Al momani, M. (2014). Health-Related quality of life and physical, mental and cognitive disabilities nursing home residents in Jordan. *Quality of Life Research*. *Quality of Life Research*. 23(1):155-65. doi: 10.1007/s11136-013-0461-2.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, Fakhry, R., Al momani. (2013). Urinary incontinence in Emirati women with diabetes mellitus type 2: prevalence, risk factors and impact on life. *Journal of Clinical Nursing* 22(21-22):3084-94. doi: 10.1111/jocn.12176.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, Halabi, J., Abdullah, A., Hasan, H., Raigangar, V. (2013). Urinary incontinence in Emirati women with diabetes: prevalence and risk factors. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 25(1):42-50. doi: 10.1177/1043659613503873.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.** (2011). Health related quality of Life among people with diabetes in the United Arab Emirates. *WHO-Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal* 17 (11), 825-830
- ❖ Abdullah, A., Hasan, H., Raigangar, V. and **Bani-Issa, W.** (2012). C-Peptide Versus Insulin: Relationships with Risk Biomarkers of Cardiovascular Disease in Metabolic Syndrome in Young Arab Females. *International Journal of Endocrinology*. doi:10.1155/2012/420792

### Selected Research presentations.

- ❖ **Ban issa. W.** Teaching practices and beliefs within the context of teaching with electronic health records in the classroom. 10<sup>th</sup> Nursing and midwifery conference of Dubai Health Authority/UAE. December, 29, 2017.
- ❖ **Bani issa, W.** Quality of sleep and quality life in adults with diabetes mellitus type 2. Third Dubai nutrition conference/UAE, Nov, 28, 2017.
- ❖ **Bani issa, W.** Quality of health promotion programs in the United Arab Emirates, Solution for better life, UoS, UAE, February 2016
- ❖ **Bani issa, W.** Quality indicators in diabetes prevention programs in the United Arab Emirates. The International Research Conference on Science, Health and Medicine, Dubai, UAE, October, 2015.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.**, Al momani F., & El deirwai, K. Urinary incontinence among adult women with diabetes in Jordan: epidemiology, correlates and perceived impact on emotional and social well-being. The Tipping Point: Creative Solutions to Health and Nursing Challenges Conference, Jordan, April 23-24, 2013.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.** The relationship between diabetes and urinary incontinence in Emirati women with diabetes. The first international conference for the order of nursing, Lebanon., Beirut, Lebanon, May 14, 2011.
- ❖ **Bani-issa. W.** Health Related quality of Life among People with Diabetes in the United Arab Emirates. The 37th Annual meeting for the American Association of diabetes Educators. San Antonio/Tx, USA, August 3-7, 2010.
- ❖ **Bani-issa, W.** Health related quality of life of people with diabetes in the United Arab Emirates. Presented at the Nursing specialization council for the cooperation Council States, UAE, Nov, 2009.
- ❖ **Bani-Issa, W.**, Khater, W., & Wilcox, J. Everyday decision making by residents inside the assisted living facility. Midwest Nursing Research Society (MRNS) Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, USA, February, 2004.
- ❖ **Bani-Issa, W.** Everyday decision making by residents in assisted living (presenter) with Rempusheski, R., Thompson, S., Kennedy, H. Al Omari, B. A. Powers & D. Ekerdt. 56th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), San Diego, CA, USA, Nov, 2003.
- ❖ Kennedy, D., **Bani-Issa, W.**, Burnett. M. & Elliot, C. Psychometric Testing of the NDNQI Adapted Index of Work Satisfaction Scale. [poster]. MNRS Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, USA, April, 2003.
- ❖ **Bani-Issa, W.** Teaching beliefs and the use of electronic health records in nursing education: A collective case study. Kansas Nurse Research Exchange (KNRE). Kansas City, KS, USA, Nov, 2005.
- ❖ **Bani-Issa, W.** Teaching philosophy and the use of electronic health records in nursing education: A collective case study. Student Research Forum, The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), Kansas City, K/USA, April, 2005.
- ❖ **Bani-Issa, W.** Everyday decision making by residents inside the assisted living facility. SRF, KUMC, Kansas City, K, USA, Feb, 2004.
- ❖ Kennedy. D., **Bani-Issa, W.**, Burnett. M. & Elliot, C. Psychometric Testing of the NDNQI Adapted Index of Work Satisfaction Scale. [poster]. SRF, KUMC, Kansas City, KS/USA, April, 2003.

### Research Grants

- ❖ Women health: stress in healthy adult women in the UAE. (January 2017- January 2019). AL Jalila research foundation (283,000 AED)
- ❖ Health promotion research group. April 2015-recent. Amount 350,000 AED. (Principle investigator and group coordinator)
- ❖ SEEDS grants: University of Sharjah. Health related quality of life in people with diabetes in United Arab Emirates, 2008 (amount 11,000 AED). Sole investigator
- ❖ Jordan University of Science and Technology Research grants # 2012/54. The association between diabetes and urinary incontinence in Jordanian Women, 2012 (amount 1,552 J.D). co-investigator.
- ❖ Jordan University of Science and Technology. Assessment of medical condition, dental status and cognitive abilities and health related quality of life in nursing home residents in Jordan, 2012, (co-investigator). (amount 2,275 J.D).
- ❖ College of Graduate studies and research, University of Sharjah. Serum leptin as a marker for insulin resistance in non-diabetic young Arab females in united Arab emirates. (amount 40,000 AED). (Co-investigator)
- ❖ Sigma Theta Tau students' research award/USA. amount 5000 USD, Nov 2004.

### Ongoing research projects

- ❖ Self-efficacy toward diet and exercise in children and adolescents attending schools in the UAE.
- ❖ The relationship between sleep and risk for developing diabetes type 2, life style, depression and quality of life.
- ❖ Quality of sleep in adolescents attending schools in the UAE.

### Peer Reviewership

- ❖ Hamdan Medical Journal
- ❖ Journal of Clinical Nursing
- ❖ Nurse Education Today
- ❖ Nursing Outlook
- ❖ Journal of Association of Arab Universities for Nursing studies and Research
- ❖ Diabetes, metabolic syndrome and obesity: target and therapy

### Supervised students research projects

- ❖ Stress in adult women and its impact on coping and development of depression among adult women in the UAE.
- ❖ Self-efficacy toward diet and exercise in adolescents attending schools in UAE
- ❖ The effect of proactive nursing round on patients' satisfaction in Dubai hospital: A quasi- experimental study
- ❖ Attitudes and practices of nurses and physicians toward hand hygiene in hospitals in United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ Workplace violence against nurses in Emergency departments in United Arab Emirates. (**Won third place on CHS scientific day**)
- ❖ The relationship between depression, diabetes and levels of vitamin D
- ❖ Smoking and manifestations of depression among University of Sharjah community. (**Won Sharjah Islamic Bank Award-2011**)
- ❖ Burnout among nurses in emergency departments in Ras Al-khayma Medical District area
- ❖ Prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes among Adolescents and children in Al – Lusaili Area in Dubai. (**Presented at the Third Nursing and Midwives research conference in Dubai-2010**)
- ❖ The relationship between quality of sleep and glycemic index in adults with diabetes. (**Won the third place on Abu Dhabi University undergraduate research competition, 2014**)

### **Awards/Honors**

- Nominated as field expert in the World Health Organization's (WHO) plan to develop the nursing profession in Syria, Dec 1-17/1999
- F. upper graduate school. P/G: Martha E Brill Nurse Alumni Scholarship/ University of Kansas Medical Center/School of Nursing, July, 2001 (10.000 USD)
- Ph. D scholarship sponsored by Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), 2001-2005
- Graduate school scholarship sponsored by Canadian International Developmental Agency (CIDA), 1997-1999
- BSN scholarship sponsored by Jordanian Military Forces (JMF), 1991-1995

**References are available upon Requisite.**