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Academic Profile

Ph.D. Candidate in TESOL with over 15 years of experience in English language instruction, teacher training, and curriculum development across Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Strong background in applied linguistics, second language acquisition, and innovative instructional methodologies. Experienced in higher education instruction, adult learning, and CEFR-aligned program design. I am currently providing bespoke English training and crafting innovative curricula designed specifically for IELTS, TOEFL, and academic excellence.

Research Interests

- Second Language Acquisition
- Curriculum and Instructional Design
- Teacher Training and Cognition
- Technology Integration in ESL
- Language Assessment and Feedback

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language
Istanbul University – Cerrahpaşa, Istanbul, Turkey | Feb 2023 – Present

MA in TESOL (High Honor Graduate)
Aydin University, Istanbul, Turkey | Sep 2019 – Aug 2022

BA in Translation
Damascus University, Syria | Sep 2004 – Sep 2009

Teaching Experience in Higher Education

- Assistant English Instructor
Arab Open University – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | 2013 – 2015
 - - Taught undergraduate English courses, including Discourse Analysis and Second Language Testing & Measurement.
 - - Contributed to course design, grading, and student academic consultations.

- Freelance English Instructor
Self-employed | Online | 2023 – Present
 - - Teach academic English and university-level subjects such as Phonology and Phonics to undergraduate and postgraduate learners.
 - - Design subject-specific curricula and prepare students for IELTS, TOEFL, and academic exams.

Curriculum Design & Teacher Training

- Academic Director & Trainer
Macmillan Education (Pworks) – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | 2012 – 2015
 - - Led academic programming, curriculum design, and teacher workshops for partner institutions.
 - - Delivered training on ESL methodologies and integrated educational publishing resources.
- Teacher Trainer & Consultant
Alfanar Training Center – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | 2015 – 2016
 - - Delivered in-service teacher training workshops and consulted on curriculum enhancements.

Additional Teaching Experience

- Academic Director, Knights of Knowledge School – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (2016–2017)
- English Teacher, Global International School – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (2017–2018)
- Teacher Trainer, Akif Inan High School – Istanbul, Turkey (2021–2022)
- English Teacher, Petek Koleji – Istanbul, Turkey (2022–2023)
- Academic Director, Al-Huda International School – Istanbul, Turkey (2023)

Certifications

- CELTA – Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults
- TEFL – 120-Hour Certificate
- Train the Trainer (TOT)
- TESOL Specialization
- IELTS Preparation Instruction
- Phonics & Advanced Reading Instruction

Skills

- Curriculum Development & Academic Planning
- Research-based instructional Design
- Higher Education Instruction
- Teacher Training & Professional Development
- LMS Platforms (Canvas, Moodle)
- Assessment & Rubric Design
- Academic Writing Coaching
- Cross-cultural Communication
- Academic Leadership & Mentoring

Languages

- Arabic – Native
- English – Fluent
- Turkish – Intermediate (B1)

Exams

- TOEFL iBT: 101