

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

The University of Science Malaysia (Universiti Sains Malaysia), Penang, Malaysia.

Ph.D. in Special Education, Winter 2014

The University Of Jordan , Amman, Jordan

M.S. in Special Education, Winter 2006

The Islamic University, Baghdad, Iraq.

B. A. of Islamic Studies, Summer 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA

Assistant professor, Special Education Dept., College of Education, King Faisal University, September 2015-present

Courses taught: Communication Skills for Individuals with Special Needs, Introduction to Gifted Education, Introduction to **Learning Difficulties**, Introduction in Special Education, Adaptive Behavior Skills, and Multiple Disabilities

Lecturer, Special Education Dept., College of Education, Salman bin Abdulaziz University, 2013-2014.

Courses taught: Human Behavior Modification, Behavioral Disorders among Individuals with Special Needs; Introduction to Learning Difficulties; Adaptive Behavior Skills; Contemporary Issues in the field of Learning Difficulties; The application of learning theories in teaching students with learning difficulties, A case study in the field of learning difficulties.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Special Education (**Learning Difficulties**, ADHD, Mental Retardation) Creativity and Giftedness, Critical and Inventive Thinking.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- ICDL (International Computer Driving License)
- MS Office applications (Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint), Troubleshooting and maintaining PCs, SPSS (data entry and analysis), Web CT and D2L electronic learning tools, Web page design, and experience in searching academic search databases (e.g. ERIC, Ebscohost, Web of Science, SSCI, etc.)
- Good knowledge and use of SPSS for research purposes

PUBLICATIONS

- **Melhem, T. & Isa, Z (2013). Special Education in Jordan: Reality and Expectations/** Published in: International Journal of Academic Research in Business and Social Sciences Volume 3, Issue 6 (June, 2013).
- **Melhem, T. & Isa, Z (2013). Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills among Students with Learning Difficulties /** Published in: International Journal of Academic Research in Progressive Education and Development. Vol. 2, No. 4. (October 2013).
- **Melhem, T. (2016, August 16-17). *The level of inventive thinking among gifted students.*** 1st conference of Igniting Muslim Talent / Published in: International Association For Talent Development. UKM, Selangor, Malaysia.
- **Melhem, T.& Al-samara, A (2016, April 4-6). *Developing instrument to measure inventive thinking among gifted children.*** 3th conference of the talents of children between discovery and investment, The National Research Center for Giftedness & Creativity / KFUPM, Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia.
- **Melhem, T. & Shada, F (2016). The impact of teaching science by using a proposed strategy based on the Japanese experience to development of inventive thinking skills among eighth-grade students in Saudi Arabia. Accepted for publication in :** Aljouf University Journal for Social Sciences

**MANUSCRIPTS
UNDER REVIEW**

- **Melhem, T. Y.** Improving Motivation to Learn Among Students with **Learning Difficulties** by Using a Thinking Program.
- **Melhem, T. Y.** . The Effect of Gender in Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills among Students with **Learning Difficulties**.
- **Melhem, T.Y.** Developing and Assessing a Tool to Measure the Inventive Thinking among **Gifted Children With Learning Disabilities** in King Abdullah II Schools for Excellence.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF
SKILLS AND
QUALIFICATIONS**

- Trainer in Malaysia, Jordan and Kuwait of the CoRT program in teaching thinking of the various categories.
- Great potential in training on thinking skills (CoRT).
- I got on workshop (TOT) training of trainer 2012
- I've got on workshop (HBDI) Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument Thinking Styles Assessment 2012.
- Great potential in education and the art of teaching.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, high level of patience, empathy and tolerance.
- Excellent time management and organization skills; able to handle a very large caseload
- Ability to organize and coordinate seminars and conferences.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE
AT DASMAN MODEL
SCHOOL
(BILINGUAL) IN
KUWAIT**

- Accredited teacher and trainer of The CoRT Program for Teaching Thinking Skills for both teachers and students from 1\9\2009 until now.
- Taught Islamic studies to students with learning disabilities and students for whom Arabic is not the mother language from 9\1\2007 to 31/8/2011.
- Head of the Special Education Department from 9\1\2008 to 31/8/2011.
- Comprehensive course in Autism by Dr. Raed Al Shikh 2007 at University of Jordan
- Participating in several conferences and training workshops
- Comprehensive course in Personality Characteristics By Dr. Mustafa Abu saad 2008 in Kuwait
- Comprehensive course on learning disabilities at The Kuwait Child Evaluation and Education Center **2009**.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE IN
JORDAN**

- Supervisor of The Islamic Department at Al-Radwan schools from 9\1\2003 to 8\20\2007
- Taught Arabic to non-native speakers –all grades at Al- Radwan schools from 9\1\2003 to 6\14\2005
- Islamic teacher - The Jordanian Ministry of Education- from 9\18\2000 to 6\14\2006

- Multimedia seminar Dr. Kasim Shanaq at Al Radwane Schools in 2004
- Education development seminar in association with the Jordanian ministry of education
- Sanad Ejaza of the Holy Quran of Hafs from Asem: from the way of Shatebya 1999.
- The creativity Seminar on learning Holy Quran by means of linguistic neurological programming.