

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### EDUCATION

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

***Ph.D. in Special Education, Winter 2015***

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, 2015-present

**Courses taught:** Communication Skills for Individuals with Special Needs, Introduction to Gifted Education, and Introduction in Special Education.

**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 (Creativity and Giftedness, Mental Retardation, Learning Difficulties, ADHD), 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).

## **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 Students 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 ٣\8/2011.
- Head of the Special Education Department from 9\1\2008 to ٣\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.