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Dynamic and detail-oriented Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education with a doctorate in Educational Psychology, specializing in Special Education. With over years of experience, I bring both academic and administrative expertise, effectively managing student affairs, creating optimized schedules, coordinating exams, and overseeing all administrative tasks essential for a smooth educational environment. My role involves guiding students academically while ensuring structured, supportive learning experiences. Certified in international training standards (IBCT, T.O.T.), I possess a strong foundation in special education and therapeutic practices, as well as a commitment to fostering inclusive education. Known for my organizational skills and collaborative approach, I excel at balancing instructional and operational responsibilities to drive educational excellence.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Special Education and Psychology

• Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Master's in Special Education

Institute of Language and Speech Disorders, Arab Research Institute, Cairo, Egypt

General Diploma in Disability Sciences

• Zagazig University, Faculty of Special Needs Education

Specialized Diploma in Disability Sciences

Zagazig University, Faculty of Special Needs Education

Bachelor's Degree in Commerce -Accounting Department

• Zagazig University, Faculty of Commerce - 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Special Education Academion International University, London

- Lead and manage academic programs within the Department of Special Education, including curriculum planning, student guidance, and evaluation systems. Responsibilities include:
 - Designing and implementing academic schedules and examination structures to improve educational efficiency.
 - Mentoring postgraduate students in research methodologies, promoting advanced understanding in special education.
 - Developing inclusive educational strategies to support diverse learning needs across programs.

Head of Speech Therapy Unit

Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt

- Established the first speech therapy unit within a public hospital under the Ministry of Health, aimed at providing comprehensive therapeutic services for children with disabilities nationwide.
- Designed the unit as a critical support resource for economically disadvantaged families, addressing the needs of children with speech, language, and developmental disorders who lack access to private care.
- Implemented diagnostic, intervention, and therapeutic protocols, ensuring service quality and accessibility for underserved communities across Egypt.

Head of Speech Therapy Unit

Dierb Negm Central Hospital, Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt

- Founded and currently lead the Speech Therapy Unit to provide essential services to children with disabilities, focusing on speech and developmental therapy. Key contributions include:
 - Managing diagnostic and therapeutic services for children with speech disorders and developmental delays in underserved communities.
 - Initiating community engagement programs, including early intervention, caregiver workshops, and inclusive recreational activities.
 - Ensuring the unit's role as a vital support system for families, impacting the lives of children in surrounding rural areas.

Chair, Special Needs Advisory Board Arab Union

- Drive regional initiatives as Chair of the Special Needs Advisory Board, focusing on advocacy and resource development for children with disabilities:
 - Advising on strategic programs that enhance access to educational and developmental support.
 - Leading awareness and advocacy efforts to foster inclusivity and improve resources for children with special needs across the region.

Aug 2022 – Present

Dec 2022 - Dec 2023

Oct 2024 – Present

Aug 2022 – Present

Specialist in Language and Speech Delay Diagnosis and Skill Development Ishraqet Amal Center for Training and Skill Development

- Conducted specialized diagnostic and therapeutic sessions for children with language and speech delays, handling a caseload of 25 children with notable improvement in speech and communication skills.
- Utilized evidence-based practices to implement customized therapy plans, achieving excellent outcomes in language development and skill enhancement.
- Trained caregivers and provided recommendations for at-home strategies to support ongoing improvement.

Lecturer in Research Methodologies

- Oct 2024 Present
- Deliver courses in research methodologies to postgraduate students, covering scientific research methods, data analysis, and academic writing.
- Mentor students on research projects, enhancing their skills in critical analysis and research design.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected for Women in Africa (WIA) Initiative Link
 - Chosen as one of three representatives from Africa, alongside candidates from Algeria and South Africa, to participate in the prestigious Women in Africa (WIA) program.
 - Awarded a full scholarship from Honoris United Universities, London, based on the social impact project of establishing a therapeutic service unit for children with disabilities at a government hospital in Al Sharqia, Egypt.
 - The program included specialized training in behavioral intelligence, creativity, innovation, critical thinking, digital marketing, business planning, social skills, teamwork, and leadership.
 - Successfully completed the program, earning an international certification and enhancing skills to drive impactful community service projects.
- Featured in 30.30 Magazine for my pioneering role in the care and rehabilitation of people with disabilities in Egypt and Africa. <u>Link</u>
- I was featured in Women of Egypt for my pioneering work in establishing a therapeutic unit for people with disabilities at Deirb Negm Central Hospital. <u>Link</u>
- I was featured in Al-Nahar Newspaper under the title 'She dedicated her life to serving children... and established the first speech therapy unit in a government hospital,' highlighting my contributions to supporting children with disabilities and my pioneering role in this field. <u>Link</u>
- I was representing Egypt at an international conference. I spoke about Egypt's role and how it serves its children with special needs. At an international conference in English. <u>Link</u>
- Bosla page talked about me for supporting and hosting the Busla campaign at Dairb Negm Central Hospital. Link
- Founded a Government-Recognized Speech Therapy Unit
 - Established the first comprehensive speech therapy unit at Dierb Negm Central Hospital, offering critical therapeutic services to underprivileged children across Egypt. This initiative has provided support to families and created a model for accessible healthcare for children with speech and developmental challenges.
- Leadership in Academic Program Development
 - Played a vital role in academic program development as an Assistant Professor at Academion International University. Designed and implemented inclusive curricula, enhancing learning outcomes for diverse student groups in special education.
- Successfully Treated Speech Delay Cases with Excellent Results
 - Worked as a Specialist at Ishraqet Amal Center, where successful interventions led to notable improvements in 25 children with language delays. Developed individualized therapy plans that yielded excellent outcomes in communication and skill development.
- Regional Advocacy and Support for Disability Rights
 - As Chair of the Special Needs Advisory Board at the Arab Union, led initiatives to increase accessibility and support for children with disabilities across the region, fostering inclusion and advocating for necessary resources.

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

My Certificates

- Trainer of Trainers (T.O.T.) IBCT
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- Diploma in Speech Therapy Ministry of Social Solidarity
- Educational Rehabilitation Training Program Childhood Development Foundation
- Regional Training Program from HELP Center
- Developmental and Behavioral Disorders Training Specialized Hospital
- Speech and Skill Development Specialist Oladna Center
- Professional Certification in Disability Affairs ICDS.
- Certified Trainer Childhood Development Foundation
- International Disability Coordinator ICDS
- Speech Therapy Specialist Certification Zagazig University

- Sensory Integration Training Zagazig University
- Stanford-Binet Intelligence Testing Training Zagazig University
- Participation Certificate in Disability Care Conference
- International Participation Certificate UNARTS
- Cairo International Disability Science Conference Participation
- International Training Certification in Disability Services UNARTS
- Workshop on Cochlear Implant for Family Needs
- Learning Disabilities Therapy Workshop Cochlear Implants
- Art-Based Therapy and Innovative Trainer Workshop
- Cochlear Implant Assessment and Rehabilitation Workshop
- Workshop on Speech Disorders and Therapy Techniques
- Behavior Modification Workshop
- ICDL Certification
- Digital Transformation Fundamentals FDTC
- LOCAL TOEFL Certification

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of Friends of the Mind Cultural Team for Development and Improvement
- Member of Nevada Academy for Social Development and Advancement
- Member of the Arab Unity Academy for Professional Training and Studies
- Member of Prana International Academy
- Local Observer

• Misr Al-Salam Foundation for Development and Human Rights, Egypt - Since April 2020

CONFERENCES AND PARTICIPATION

- Certificate of Attendance in Research Tools and Journal Database Techniques
 - Awarded by the Yemeni Embassy in Rabat and the Yemeni Forum for Scientific Research.
- Training Program at the Cairo International Conference on Psychological Measurement and Testing
- Participant in the 8th Global Academy Conference for Special Needs
 - Presented research titled Changing Negative Perceptions of Individuals with Special Needs.
- Participant in the First Arab Forum on Modern Trends in Early Childhood Education
 Workshop: "The Importance of Inclusion in Early Childhood for Children with Special Needs.
- Participant in the International Conference on Special Education, Counseling, and Early Childhood Education
 - Passion Global University, USA
 - Presented a research summary on the rehabilitation of individuals with special needs.
- Academic Development Participation with IFAD Platform for Researchers and Academics
 - Delivered over 20 scientific webinars and lectures on research methodology, development, and significance.
 - Certificate of Attendance for "Digital Transformation Techniques during the COVID-19 Era" webinar.

SKILLS

Technical Skills

- Speech Therapy and Language Development Techniques
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Protocols for Speech and Language Disorders
- Research Methodologies and Data Analysis
- Curriculum Design and Educational Program Development
- Digital Transformation Tools (FDTC Certification)
- Computer Proficiency ICDL Certification
- Proficiency in English (LOCAL TOEFL Certified)

Soft Skills

- Leadership and Team Management
- Strong Communication and Presentation Skills
- Empathy and Patience in Client Interaction
- Problem Solving and Analytical Thinking
- Adaptability to Diverse Educational Needs
- Project Management and Organizational Abilities
- Cultural Sensitivity and Inclusivity Advocacy

LANGUAGES

- Arabic: Native
- French: Very Good
- English: Good