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EDUCATION:

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| 2007 | PhD | Early Childhood Education
State University of New York at Buffalo, USA

<i>Dissertation: Muslim Parent Involvement in
Pre-K and Elementary Schools: Perspectives
and Practices.</i> |
| 2002 | M.Ed. | Curricula and Teaching Methods, University of
Jordan, Amman, Jordan

<i>Thesis: Evaluating the Content of Children's
Literature in Petra Textbooks</i> |
| 1999 | B.A. | Bachelor of Education
Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan

My cumulative average was (86.0%). My
standing was the first among 45 students who
graduated in the same year. |
| 1995 | Secondary
Certificate | Scientific Stream with a GPA of (87, 5) |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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| 2007- Present | Assistant professor in Queen Rania Faculty for Early
Childhood, Hashemite University, Jordan. |
| 2006-2007 | Graduate Research Assistant , Department of
Curriculum & Instruction, State University of New
York, USA. |

- 2005-2006 **Kindergarten Head Teacher** at the **Universal School at Amherst**, Buffalo, NY.
- 2003-2004 **Head teacher** at the Early Childhood Research Center (ECRC), affiliated with State University of New York at Buffalo, NY.
The ECRC is an childcare center accredited by the NAEYC in the United States.
- 1999-2003 **Elementary Teacher** at the UNRWA schools of Jordan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Courses developed and taught at HU:

- Current Trends and Issues in EC
- Introduction to ECE
- Family and Child Dynamics
- Mother and infants Care
- Health, Nutrition, and Safety of the Child
- Statistics and Research Methodologies in EC

Instructor at the State University of New York (SUNY)

LAI 511 - Diversity in Early Childhood/Childhood Education (Master level)

Co- taught with Professor James Hoot, Fall 2007, UB.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Fayez, M. (2007). *Muslim Parent Involvement in Pre-K and Elementary Schools: Perspectives and Practices*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY.

Fayez, M., & Wang, X.C. (2007, April). *Emerging leadership: Case study of a preschool playgroup*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago.

Fayez, M. (2005, March) *International Focus on Pedagogy and Practices*. Presented with James Hoot, Vidya Thirumurthy, Lydia Ibanez, Judit Szente, Selamawit Tadesse, Tata Mbugua, and Linda Mensay at the annual meeting of the Association for Childhood Education International, Washington, DC.

Fayez, M. (2005, March) *What Teachers of Young Children Should Know About Islam*. Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Childhood Education International, Washington, DC.

Fayez, M. (2002). *Evaluating the Content of Children's Literature in Petra Textbooks in English*. Unpublished master thesis, University of Jordan, Amman.

Work in Progress

Fayez, M. (in preparation). Investigating the state and level of involvement among Jordanian kindergarten parents and its relationship to teachers' behaviors

Fayez, M. (in preparation). Investigating Jordanian kindergarten parents' and teachers' views of school readiness.