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**Education**

<b>Ph.D.</b>	2012, Brunel University, The UK
<b>Thesis Title</b>	An Investigation Into the Current Service Provision for Students with Learning Difficulties in Jordan: Teachers' Perspectives.
<b>Emphasis</b>	- Young children with learning difficulties. - Barriers face teachers of learning difficulties students. - Early warning signs of learning difficulties.
<b>M.A.</b>	2003, The University of Jordan
	Comprehensive Exam.
<b>Emphasis</b>	- Special Education - Assessment and measurement in special education.
<b>B.A.</b>	1998, The University of Jordan
<b>Major</b>	Special Education

## **Professional Experience:**

My professional experience is divided into two categories. The first one is research related, whereas the second one is practice related. Following the chronological development, I commence with the most recent one, as below:

<i><b>From to</b></i>	<i><b>Title</b></i>	<i><b>Place of work</b></i>	<i><b>Main responsibilities</b></i>
September 2013 until now	Head of special Education Department	Hashemite University, Zarqa - Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting and advancing the academic strategy of the department</li><li>• Promoting and represent the Faculty both internally and externally</li><li>• Developing and sustaining appropriate structures for management, consultation, decision-making and communication with staff and students</li></ul>
September 2012 until now	Assistant Professor	Hashemite University, Zarqa - Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Teaching</li><li>▪ Researching</li><li>▪ Participating at different committees</li><li>▪ Providing needed consultations to local community</li></ul>
October 08 – Jan 12	Research Assistant	Brunel University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting up research project</li><li>• Coding and analyzing of qualitative data</li><li>• Writing up research reports</li></ul>
September 2005– April 06	Special education field supervisor	Mu'tah University, Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Setting up training plan for pre service teachers.</li><li>▪ Supervising pre service teachers.</li></ul>
September 03 – April 06	Lecturer in special education	AlQuds College Amman - Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teaching the following courses of special education:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visual impairment.</li><li>• Intellectual disability.</li><li>• Learning difficulties</li><li>• Autism.</li></ul></li></ul>

### **Other relevant work experience (before the PhD)**

During 5-years working experience (1998-2003) in Jordan and in some other Arab countries, where I was responsible for the teaching of children with learning difficulties and intellectual disability which included their evaluation and diagnosis using standardised assessment tests, providing professional advice to families on the children's educational needs, training special education pre service teachers.

### **Research Interests**

- Children with learning difficulties in preschool stage.
- Learning of the adults with special educational needs.
- Cultural context of disability
- Assessment of individuals with special educational needs
- On service training for teachers of individuals with learning difficulties
- Using mixed methods paradigms (qualitative and quantitative) in researching the field of special education

### **Research projects which currently I am involved in**

- Developing a checklist to identify early warning signs of learning difficulties at kindergarten stage.
- An investigation of Self-regulation of disabled women in Jordan.

### **Publications**

Al-Aoufi, H., **Al-Zyoud, N.** & Shahminan, N. (2012). Islam and the cultural conceptualisation of disability. **International Journal of Adolescence and Youth**. Volume 17, Issue 4, pages 205-219.

## **Teaching Experience**

During my first year of teaching at the Hashemite University, I taught the courses in the field of Special Education at the Department of Special Education, and these are listed below:

- Early intervention.
- Introduction to Special Education.
- Autism.
- Children with Special Needs.
- Designing and Implementing Educational Tools for Children with Special Needs.
- Behaviour modification.
- Physical disability.
- Teaching methods.

## **Additional Skills**

During my studies at Brunel University, I developed a professional capability of using specific analytical software, both for qualitative and quantitative data:

- Nvivo 8
- SPSS

## **References**

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