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| **Amal Natsheh’s “Curriculum Vitae”** |  |

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| **Personal Profile:** |

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| **Academic Profile:** | |
| **Ph.D.**  **2012-2015**  **Master of Education**  **(M.Ed.) 2004** | : The University of Jordan  : Doctor of Philosophy, Curriculum and Instruction.  The title of the dissertation is : The Effect of Using a Blog-Based Instructional Strategy on Developing Pedagogical Content Knowledge and Reflective Thinking of Palestinian EFL Pre-Service Teachers and their Attitudes Towards the Strategy  : Birzeit University  : Master of Education ,with emphasis on English Education |
| **Bachelor of Arts**  **(B.A.) 2000** | : Birzeit University  : English Language and Literature  : Birzeit University |
| **Teaching Diploma**  **2001** | : English Education |

**Employment and Work Experience**

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| **2014-present** | :Al-Quds Open University  :Faculty member  :Department of English Language and Literature |
| **2007-2012** | : Al-Quds Open University  : Dean Assistant, Faculty of Education  : Nature of work: Academic administration and teaching |
| **2003-2006** | : Modern Community College |
|  | : English Language Instructor  : Nature of work: Teaching English language for specific purposes ,such as  Nursing ,Pharmacy, Health Surveillance, and Commerce. |
| **Sep-Dec 2006** | : Bethlehem University  : English Language Instructor |
| **Feb-May 2006** | : Almukabber Secondary School  : English Teacher /Teaching supplementary courses |
| **2002-2003** | : Fatmeh Al-Zahra School, Jerusalem  : English Language Teacher |
| **2000-2001** | : Zuhour Al-Aqsa School, Jerusalem  : English Language Teacher |

**Teaching Experience at Al-Quds Open University:**

1. Teaching experience for the following University courses:

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| **NO.** | **Course** | **Description** |
| **1.** | **Reading 1 (5150)** | This course aims at developing the students’ reading proficiency through exposing them to different types of reading texts of intermediate length and complexity. It also aims at training them to locate the main idea, look for specific information , understand textual ,lexical and grammatical relationship in a text. In addition to finding specific  information , the student should be trained to be understand the zest of the text, the writer’s attitude, as well as to make inferences and personal judgement. |
| **2.** | **Reading 2 (5251)** | This course aims at further development of the students’ reading proficiency. The course exposes the students to a variety of English texts which are more demanding in terms of length and complexity. In addition to finding specific information, the students should be trained to understand the zest of the text, the writers’ attitudes , as well as to make inferences and personal judgment. |
| **3.** | **Vocabulary (5254)** | This course aims at providing students with insights and training in the major processes of word formation. It concentrates on inflectional and derivational affixes as well as on other matters related to vocabulary learning ,such as synonymy, antonymy, homophones, word collections, idioms ,etc. The course also aims at consolidating and enriching the students’ command of basic vocabulary used in everyday communication, as well as other areas of knowledge relevant to the student’s future career. Vocabulary items are to be presented wherever possible in context and within well-defined topics and situations. |
| **4.** | **English 1 (0113)** | This course aims at upgrading the students’ overall proficiency in English, particularly in reading and in written communication and developing their skills demanded in the other courses for which English is requisite. |
| **5.** | **Writing 1 (5253)** | This course aims aiming at providing the student with systematic and comprehensive training in using punctuation marks and other writing devices, joining simple sentences to form compound and complex ones, using relevant connecting devices, identifying and writing topics sentence, completing model paragraphs / letters and other short texts. |
| **6.** | **Teaching English to Elementary School Children (5405)** | This course aims at helping English as a foreign language (EFL) teachers with little experience improve their quality of teaching, in a practical way, by illustrating with examples wherever possible principles and methods of teaching English to young beginners. |

1. **Training Experience and others:**

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| * Training EFL pre-Service teachers at Al-Quds Open University on using blogs as a reflective thinking Instrument through which they document and share with others their teaching practices from the field ( March 2014). * Designing a blended learning course on the MOODLE , for the purpose of conducting the research of the Ph.D. dissertation , targeting the Teaching Practicum Course (5419) student teachers in three educational branches at Al-Quds Open University ( 20/2/2014-10/5/2014). |
| * Trainer for the course titled “ The Training Program 1006” / E-learning and Distance Learning in Higher Education Institutions. This is a (70) hour training course performed within (6) months to train the faculty at Al-Quds Open University on the skills of using the “Elluminate Live” virtual classroom program, instructional design for e-courses by using the MOODLE platform, best skills in using Al-Quds Open University Academic Portal, Ms. Office programs, the educational theories as basics for instructional design and finally the best practices in academic and administrative fields (10/12/2009-01/05/2010) |
| * Director and supervisor for Al-Quds Open University Academic Supervisor’ Network : <http://qoupal.ning.com/> in January 2009-May 2010**.** |
| * Instructional designer for a course titled,” Advanced Skills in Blended Learning Setting” in cooperation with Dr. Randa Najdi. This course is one of the Vocational Diploma in Distance Education and E-Learning at Higher Education Institutions courses delivered at Al-Quds Open University. |
| * - Supervisor of a ten-day course held at Al-Quds Open University as part of the Online Video Library Project “ Employment of top ten digital tools in Education, August,2010. |

**Papers Published in Journals:**

* *Values Indications in the Nick Names of the Palestinian Universities Students Involved as Members in the Discussion Forums of the Palestinian Universities in the Internet*. This Study was prepared jointly with Dr. Nader Abu Khalaf , and presented in the National Conference on “The Role of Values in Society Solidarity and National Rise “. This conference was prepared by the Educational Studies and Applications Center, Ramallah , Palestine ,2009. It was published in the conference book.
* *Investigating the Effectiveness of Teaching Vocabulary Course (5254) Delivered through MOODLE Enhanced with Interactive Media from the Students’ Perspectives at Al-Quds Open University”*. This study results were presented in Diverse Conference 2012 in Leuven ,Belgium.

**Book Review :**

Educating the Net Generation . Diana & James Oblinger . Educause Online Copy 2002 . Reviewed together with Dr. Nader Abu Khalaf. Published in the Palestinian Journal of Open and Distance Education,Vol.3, NO.5 , 2011.

**Researches:**

* EFL Pre-Service Teachers’ Attitudes Towards Using a Blog-Based Instructional Strategy in the Teaching Practicum Course at Al-Quds Open University in Palestine. **Language, Individual & Society**, Volume 8, 2014.
* The Effect of Using a Blog-Based Instructional Strategy on Developing Pedagogical Content Knowledge and Reflective Thinking of Palestinian EFL Pre-Service Teachers and Their Attitudes Towards the Strategy. Unpublished Dissertation, 2015.
* The Contribution of The Online Educational Video Library :evl.qou.edu in Improving the Learning and Performance of The Teaching Practice Course (5419) Students at Al-Quds Open University. This study has being conducted in partnership with Dr. Nader Abu Khalaf and Dr. Majdi Zamel.
* Identification of the differences in the means of teachers’, students’ and parents’ attitudes towards the role of Homework in student’s learning and its method of application. This research was conducted as a requirement for completion of the MAE Program at Birzeit University ,First Semester 2003/2004.
* Improving Reading Comprehension through Cooperative Learning. This research was conducted as a requirement for completion of the MAE Program at Birzeit University ,Second Semster,2003/2004.

**Booklets, Reports, Translation and Films (University and Community Service)**

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| * Preparing a booklet titled ,” The Educational Film Scenario and its Design’. Published by Al-Quds Open University, 2012. * Writing a project report on “ Introduction to Educational Scriptwriting and Video Production” Film. This project was part of the course “Advanced Certificate on Educational video Production , National Institute for Teachers Training and Research, Taramani, Chennai, India in the period October 13-December 7, 2011. * Leading a team in preparing an educational material and writing a script for the film,” Introduction to Educational Scriptwriting and Video Production in both Arabic and English Language. * Performing narration and participating in preparing the educational material and resources for producing the film,” Introduction to Educational Scriptwriting and Video Production, which was produced in the National Institute for Teachers Training and Research, Taramani, Chennai, India in the period October 13-December 7, 2011.   ­­­­  - Preparing the narrative material of the promotional film both in Arabic and English for the Online Educational Video Library as well as performing narration and recording.   * Preparing a booklet in Pedagogic Scriptwriting for Narrative Educational Film. Published by Al-Quds open University,2012. * Preparing a manual for the technical administration of The Online Educational Video Library (evl.qou.edu),   2011.   * Translation of a chapter from the Quality Manual for E-learning in Higher Education titled, Curriculum Design in partnership with a translation team from English to Arabic. * - - Preparing a promotional booklet in the form of PowerPoint presentation about the Faculty of Education * e enhanced with statistical charts and tables. |

**Project Proposals:**

**Preparing the following project proposals:**

1- Establishing Web Educational Video Library for the Teaching-Learning Situations to Support the Teachers Education Programs at Al-Quds Open University (QOU) and Ramallah Women Training Centre & Educational Sciences Faculty (RWTC & ESF). This proposal was approved by the Quality Improvement Fund (QIF) in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOHE) with a total budget of 350000$.

2-Improving the Instructional Design for the QOU Courses . This project was submitted to “The Welfare Association” in 2008.

3- Establishing 8 Video Conferencing Units at Al-Quds Open University for the service of education and administration . This project was submitted to “The Welfare Association” in 2008.

4- Restructuring and Reorganizing the Basic Educational Courses in the PRESET Education Programs at Al-Quds Open University (QOU) , Hebron University (HB) , University College of

Educational Sciences (UCES). This proposal was submitted to the Quality Improvement Fund (QIF) in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOHE) with a total budget of 600000$.

5- Establishing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Course with GIS Lab to Enhance Social Sciences Specialization for the BA Degree at AL-Quds Open University(QOU) & Hebron University (HB) & University College of Educational Sciences (UCES). This proposal was submitted to the Quality Improvement Fund (QIF) in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOHE) with a total budget of 600000$.

**Languages**

Arabic Mother tongue

English Fluent : Speaking, reading, writing, listening

Hebrew Good : Speaking, reading, writing, listening

**Other Skills**

Computer literacy/Windows, Word, Power point, Excel ,Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Internet, typing skills both in English & Arabic, doing researches , preparing project proposals and business reports, academic writing skills, translation skills, moderating Elluminate virtual classes , and designing e-courses by using the Learning Management System (LMS) “MOODLE “.

**Training Courses ,Workshops and Seminars ( Self Development)**

* Obtaining a formal approval to participate in the workshop (AVLM) to be held from October,7-2012 until December 8,2012 at KU Leuven, Belgium. 12 participants out of more than 100 were selected to participate in this course and I was one of those 12.
* Participating in the course “Excellence in Self Assessment which was held in the Institutional Excellence Company in Amman, Jordan in the period from April 25,2012- until April 26,2012.
* Participating in the course” Advanced Certificate on Educational video Production National Institute for Teachers Training and Research” from October 13,2011 until December 7,2011 in Taramani, Chennai, India.
* Participating in the course” Learning and Teaching in a Digital World (LATINA)” in the International Summer School 2010 at Oslo University College(OUC) in Norway in the period from June 28,2010 until July 16,2010.

* Participating in the course” Teaching Certificate in Higher Education Institutions/ Skills of Using and Employing the Virtual Classes Technology in the Teaching and Learning Practice which was conducted by the Open Learning Center(OLC) at AL-Quds Open University in the period from December 5,2009 until June 10,2010.

- Participation in a three day virtual seminar held by HertFordshire University, UK in 2009.

- Participating in the workshop “ Partnerships to modernize Teacher Education Programs in Tertiary Education Institutions in Palestine in March 2010. This workshop was held by The Quality Improvement Fund (QIF), Best Eastern, Ramallah.

* Participating in the course ”Teaching Certificate in Higher Education Institutions/ Skills of Using and Employing the Virtual Classes Technology” in the Teaching and Learning Open Learning Center at AL-Quds Open University OLC in the period 01/03/2009-01/07/2009.

* Taking the course” 3D Movie Production Diploma at the ICTC ,Al-Quds Open University in the period from 15/10-2007 until 01/02/2008.
* Taking the course “Technology in Education(e-learning) “ held at Birzeit University (CCE), in the period from 5/8/2006 until 31/12/2006.

-Taking the course” Hebrew Language (level B&C held in Beit Ha'am, West Jerusalem in the period from 15/5/2005 until 15/7/2005.

-Taking the course” Intensive Hebrew Language (level A), Summer Ulpan held at the Hebrew University /Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem from 3/8/2004 until 25/9/2004.

-Participating in the workshop “Democracy and Human Rights, held by Teacher Creativity Center in the period 14-25 /12/ 2003.

**-**Taking the course” Report Writing and Business Writing Seminar, held by the AMIDEAST in the period 2-27 /08/ 2003.

-Taking the course” Proposal Writing Seminar, held by the AMIDEAST in the period 4-25/08/ 2003.

-Taking the course” Ms. Windows/Word, held by The Continuing Teaching Program of Birzeit University in the period July 2000- Sep.2000 .

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**Papers Presented in Conferences**

* Presenting a paper titled, “Al-Quds Open University Experience in Establishing The Online Educational Video Library, evl.qou.edu “ in Diverse 2013 Conference , held in June 24-26,2013 at Osnabruck University in Germany.
* Presenting a research titled,” Investigating the Effectiveness of Teaching Vocabulary Course (5254) Delivered through MOODLE Enhanced with Interactive Media from the Students’ Perspectives at Al-Quds Open University”. This paper presented in Diverse 2012 Conference , held in the period from July 4 till July 6,2012 at KU University of Leuven, Belgium.
* Presenting a paper on Al-Quds Open University Experience in Using ICT in Education in the international Workshop on Developing Electronic Resources for Engineering Education, held at Jayachamarajendra College for Engineering on 26th November 2011 in Mysore, Karnataka, India.

**Conferences & Workshops Participation**

1. Participating in the AMIDEAST Roundtable, Leadership in higher Education , held in May 18-19,2012 in Ramallah, Palestine.
2. Participating in The First National Conference on Improving TEFL Methods & Practices at The Palestinian Universities on 20th October 2012 in Ramallah ,Palestine. It was organized by The Education Program/English Department,Al-Quds Open University, Palestine.
3. Participating in the Palestinian Schools Conference (IATEFL), Learner Centered ,Learning Centered ,held in April 24-25,2010 in The Red Crescent Building, Ramallah, Palestine.
4. Participating in the Palestinian Faculty Development Program, AMIDEAST, in July 23-24, 2009 at An-Najah National University Campus, Nablus ,Palestine.
5. Participating in the Second National Symposium , Quality English Teaching : EFL Enhancement in the New Millennium , Birzeit University October 2010.
6. Participating in the First National Symposium , Quality English Teaching : EFL Enhancement in the New Millennium , Birzeit University in September 2008.
7. Participating in the Conference “Excellence in Teaching “, Palestinian Faculty Development Program(PFDP), AMIDEAST, in May 26-28, 2008 in Jaser Palace, Bethlehem, Palestine.
8. Participating in the Palestinian IATEFL Conference, Curriculum and Classroom Practices, in August 13-14,2007 in The Red Crescent Building, Ramallah, Palestine.
9. Participating in the conference” Education in Jerusalem, Reality and Challenges”, in August 27,2007,held by the Science Committee and Islamic Culture Association *in* Ramallah.
10. Participating in the “Teaching and Learning in International Perspective “ Seminar , AMIDEAST, Palestinian Faculty Development Program, in July 12-14,2007 in the Grand Park Hotel ,Ramallah, Palestine.
11. Participating in the Palestinian Universities Conferences in May 20,2007,Ramallah, Palestine.

**Memberships**

* IATEFL member.
* A former member in the steering committee of the Educational Video Library in the Internet Project at Al-Quds Open University.
* A former member in the Faculty of Education Council at Al-Quds Open University.
* A former member in the Arab Network for Open and Distance Education.

**Research Interests:**

E-learning, EFL curriculum and instruction, EFL pre-service teacher education , distance learning, virtual learning, educational videos, and habits of mind and learning.

**References :**

***1-Dr. Nader Abu Khalaf***

Associate Professor ,Al-Quds Open University ,Palestine.

***2-Mr. Hisham Abu Qteish***

Lecturer at the English Language & Literature Department ,Al-Quds Open University, Palestine.

***3-Dr. Insaf Abbas***

Former Head of Adel Zaeter Center for Tranlattion ,Al-Quds Open University, Palestine

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