

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION BACKGRUOND

2014- 2021 : KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
2009-2011 : KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
MASTERS DEGREE IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION.
2002-2005 : KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (SECOND CLASS- LOWER
DIVISION)
1993-1995 : NAROK TEACHERS COLLEGE (P1 CERTIFICATE)
1982-1985 : NGIRIAMBUR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL (O-LEVEL- DIVISION II)
1975-1981 : NDIRITI PRIMARY SCHOOL: P.O BOX11, KERUGOYA (CPE 30
POINTS)

WORKING EXPERIENCE

2021-2022 : KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
LECTURER
2017 -2021 : THIRIRIKA PRIMARY SPECIAL UNIT IN KIAMBU
POSITION : SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHER
2011-2016 : EMBUL-BUL PRIMARY (SPECIAL UNIT FOR THE MENTALLY
CHALLENGED) IN KAJIADO
POSITION : TEACHER IN CARGE SPECIAL NEEDS
2005-2008 : MUTHENGERA SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY
CHALLENGED IN LAIKIPIA
POSITION : ACTING DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER
1995-2002 : MWITURIA PRIM ARY SCHOOL IN LAIKIPIA
POSITION : ASSISTANT TEACHER

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Special Needs Education
- Research
- Community and church Service

PUBLICATIONS

I have published two papers since I attained a master's degree with the following titles:

- ❖ Vocational education and community integration of young adults with mental retardation in the Journal of Special Needs and Disabilities Studies Vol.no.1-July 2013.Nairobi Academic Press-Kenya.
- ❖ Effectiveness of transitional services to community integration of young adults with mental retardation in the Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals(JAASEP)-Spring Summer 2014.

Two PhD publication papers are awaiting release from publishers.

- ❖ Involvement of learners with severe intellectual disabilities in physical activities.
- ❖ Effectiveness of Child –to-Child physical activities in managing psychosocial behaviours among learners with severe intellectual disabilities.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lecturing (Kenyatta University-Main Campus)
- Part- time lecturing (Kenyatta University- Main Campus)
- Part-time lecturing (African Nazarene University- Main Campus)
- Associate Module writer (Kenyatta and Mount Kenya Universities-Main Campuses)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- During my masters degree I did my research on vocational education and community integration of young adults with mental retardation in Kiambu County. In my PhD I researched on child-to-child physical activities in managing psychosocial behaviours among learners with severe intellectual disabilities in selected counties in Kenya.
- I was actively involved in a city campus mall research in Kenyatta University (Kenyatta University surroundings).
- I was a research analyst involved by the Kenya society for the Mentally Handicapped on HIV and AIDS awareness amongst children and youth with intellectual disabilities.
- I was a research assistant with KNECK and AGHAKAN FOUNDATIONS (EMAC) on literacy and numeracy levels in selected secondary and primary school in Garissa County.
- I was involved in a collaboration research between MGc University (Canada), National Housing cooperation (NACHU) and Kenyatta University (Kenya) on children's safety and security in selected Nairobi slum areas.

- I was a research assistant in a collaboration research between MT. Vincent University (Canada) and Kenyatta University (Kenya) on teachers' perception of their teaching experiences in selected Nairobi secondary and primary schools.
- I was a research assistant on a cross national research concerning sexual violence among learners with special needs in selected special schools in Nairobi between Kenyatta University staff member and University of South Africa (UNISA).

LEADERSHIP

- I have been a sports coordinator in Laikipia, Kajiado and Kiambu counties in the area of special needs handling all schools with learners who are intellectually disabled (LAIKIPIA-2005-2006 , KAJIADO 2012-2016 and KIAMBU 2017 to date).
- I have been a class representative in the university during my masters degree course (KENYATTA UNIVERSITY-2009-2011).
- I have been a deputy headteacher (MUTHENGERA SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED-2007-2008).
- I deal with youths in the church including writing their lessons and training Sabbath school teachers on how to handle children.
- I have been a games captain in the teachers training college (NAROK T.T.C-1993-1995) and a games mistress (MWITURIA PRIMARY-1996-2002).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- I have successfully trained Sabbath School Teachers in a number of years in MT. Zion Seventh Day Church College, Kameria.
- I have worked with ST. MARTIN APOSTOLATE NYAHURURU – LAIKIPIA County (NGO) in creating awareness on disability management amongst parents, teachers, social workers and volunteers.
- I was involved in training persons with intellectual challenges in voting (IEC) through KENYA SOCIETY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (KSMH) in both Nakuru and Laikipia County.

REFEREES

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2. DR. JESSINA MUTHEE
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