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EDUCATION

2012 – 2014

German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

M.Sc. in Vision Rehabilitation

Title of research: The effect of vision rehabilitation and environmental accommodations in improving the quality of life of adult women with low vision.

2000 – 2004

Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan

B. Sc. in Optometry

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2014- Till present

German Jordanian University (GJU):

Full time lecturer in Vision Rehabilitation Center

Offering comprehensive professional training courses in vision rehabilitation.

Low vision specialist at the GJU Vision Rehabilitation Center.

The tasks include but are not limited to:

- Comprehensive assessments for visual functions for persons with low vision.
- Provision of optical/ non-optical aids and devices.
- Training persons with low vision on using assistive devices and giving advices about the needed environmental adaptations.
- Developing training programs and awareness materials for children with vision impairment, parents, caregivers and eye health specialists.
- Early Intervention services for children with low vision under the school age.

Participant (trainer) in Tempus project titled: curriculum and skill development in vision rehabilitation (2014 to 2016).

The contribution involved:

- Trainer for students and clinical instructors in optometry, An-Najah National University (ANU).

- Trainer for students and lecturer in occupational therapy from University of Bethlehem (BEU) and Physical Therapist from University of Jordan (UJ).
- Clinical trainer for lecturers and clinical instructors in optometry from ANU, Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation (BASR) and UJ.
- Preparing and offering the free online course: “Low Vision Rehabilitation - Basic Course” <https://low-vision-course-basic.thinkific.com/courses/low-vision-basic-course>
- Designing and instructing the Intermediate Course on Low Vision Rehabilitation. https://online-course-gju.appspot.com/low_vision_rehab_2/course

Feb. 2013-Oct. 2014

Low vision optometrist at the GJU Vision Rehabilitation Center (VRC).

Scholarship while doing Master degree.

Sept. 2004- Feb. 2007

Ibn Al-Haytham Hospital, Amman, Jordan.

Ophthalmic Optometrist:

- Lasik department: do tests before Lasik surgery and Assist doctors in Lasik surgeries on Technolas Excimer Laser and Schwind Excimer Laser.
- Eye clinic: Refraction, Keratometry, Biometry, Ultrasound and Visual field.

TRAINING & COURSES

Sep. 2023

Art of Orientation and Mobility (O&M) training for persons with vision impairment by Gert Willumeit (O&M expert from Germany) 80 hours course

Sep. 2022

Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) and Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) training by CBM.

March 2016

Assistive Technology workshop: "Better Quality of Life Language and Reading Skills Development" by the Childhood International Center for Early Learning and Development (CICELD).

Jan. 2016

Assessing vision in children with visual impairments (VI) and children with multiple disabilities (MDVI) by Helene Brattinga and Theresia Janssen from Royal Dutch Visio.

Nov. 2014

Clinical training on early intervention and multiple disability and visual impairment (MDVI) by Ria Waelen (early intervention worker) and Anke Vinke (neuropsychologist) of Royal Dutch Visio.

- June. 2014 Study-visit to Focus Birmingham, UK.
To evaluate and model low vision services and providers by Andrew Miller.
- Mar. 2006 International Eye Hospital. Cairo, Egypt.
Corneal Topography and Wavefront by Dr. Ahmad brada and Dr. Tariq Al Najar.
Schwind Esiris Excimer Laser & ORK wavefront Analyzer.
- Aug. 2005 Ibn Al-Haytham Hospital, Amman, Jordan.
Medical Training on Schwind eye- tech- solutions by Mr. Jens Fluegge.
ORK wavefront Analyzer & Optikon Keratron Scout
Topography System for Corneal and Ocular Wavefront.
- June/ July. 2003 Jordan University Hospital, Amman, Jordan.
Clinical training in the ophthalmology department/ optometry clinic.
- July/ Aug. 2003 King Abdullah University Hospital, Irbid, Jordan.
Clinical training in the ophthalmology department.

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

- Hamed, M.M.; Masoud, M.A. An Exploratory Assessment of Self-Reported Satisfaction with Infrastructure and Out-of-Home Activities for People with Vision Impairments. *Vision* 2023, 7, 58. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vision7030058>
- Project investigator, activity coordinator and low vision specialist "Low Vision Rehabilitation Services and Professional Training in Jordan" 2022-2025. This project aims to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of persons with vision impairment, and to improve their inclusion, productivity and independence in the society. The project is funded by CBM – Total financial funds EUR 400,000.
- Qutishat, Y.; Shublaq, S.; Masoud, M.; Alnuman, N. Low Vision Profile in Jordan: A Vision Rehabilitation Center-Based Study. *Healthcare* 2021, 9, 20. <https://dx.doi.org/10.3390/healthcare9010020>

LANGUAGES

- Arabic: mother language
- English: very good writing, reading and oral skills.