

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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Academic Qualifications

2005-2010: Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, University of Birmingham, UK.

2003-2004: M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction, University of Exeter, UK.

1993-1997: B.A. in Education, College of Education, Kuwait University.

Professional Experience

2025 – Present: Chairwoman of the Women's Cultural & Social Society.

2022 – 2024: Board Member of the Women's Cultural & Social Society.

2010 – Present: Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction,
College of Basic Education, PAAET.

2003 – 2010: Teaching Assistant, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College
of Basic Education, PAAET.

1997 – 2009: High School Biology Teacher, Ministry of Education.

Publications:

- Aldaihani, Manal & Al-Thurwah, Mubarak (2025). Teaching Methods for Gifted and Talented Students. Jarir Bookstore.
- Aldaihani, Manal & Al-Shatti, Safinaz (2024). Opinions of Educational and Administrative Staff and Parents of Students with Special Needs on the Use of Artificial Intelligence Applications in Teaching Home Economics in Special Education Schools in Kuwait. (Unpublished)
- Aldaihani, Manal (2022). Faculty Attitudes Towards the Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in Higher Education: The College of Basic Education as a Model. Journal of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Vol. 13, No. 46.1, January 2022, pp. 1-29.
- Aldaihani, Manal et al. (2022). Special Education Standards in the State of Kuwait. National Center for Education Development – Ministry of Education. (Unpublished)
- Aldaihani, Manal (2020). The Appropriateness of the Science Curriculum for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Intellectual Schools in the State of Kuwait. Journal of Educational and Psychological Sciences, Vol. 21, No. 2, July 2020.
- Al-Daihani, Manal & Tahh, Bahaa Aldeen. (2019) . Learning difficulties – Theory , Diagnosis & Interventions. Kuwait: Aafaq publisher. (BOOK)
- Al-Daihani, Manal (2018). Inclusion of Student with disabilities within Higher Education in Kuwait. Journal of Educational Science.
- Al-Daihani, Manal (2016). Pre-service special education teachers' learning experience during practicum. Journal of Educational Science.(3) (247-293)
- Al-Daihani, Manal & Al-Heem, Eid (2014), Level of acquisition of teaching competencies by the students of College of Basic Education, major Special Education, in the State of Kuwait – from their perspective in the light of their training needs, Journal of Education, Al-Azhar University, Issue No. 161 - part 3 December (473-520).

- Aldaihani, M. & Al-Heem, E. (2015), Teaching competencies of teachers of students with intellectual disabilities in the State of Kuwait in the light of internal standards, *Journal of Childhood & Education* (22) 587-652.
- Alhendal, D. & Aldaihani, M. (2016). level of using inquiry-based instruction for teaching science to elementary students in the State of Kuwait- comparative study between public school and special school. *Journal of Educational Science*.
- Alajmy, A. ; Aldaihani, A & Al-Heem, E. (2015 accepted for publishing). The characteristics of the learning environment in the College of Basic Education in the State Of Kuwait and its impact on student achievement. *Journal of Educational & Psychological Sciences*.
- Al-Heem, E. & Al-Daihani, M. (2015), The effect of Teaching English on Mother Tongue in the Elementary Stage from the points of views of principals and teachers, *Journal of Culture & Development* (94) 109-164.
- El-Heem, E. , Alharby, Nayef & Aldaihani, M. (2016), In-Service Professional Development of Teachers in the State of Kuwait in the light of contemporary trends, *Journal of Culture and Development - Egypt* (100) 315-358.
- Aldaihani, M. , Alajmy,S., Alshaikh, N. & Abueid, L. (2014). Ways to target the Corporate Social Responsibility of the private sector to support youth in Kuwait. Ministry of State for Youth Affairs.

Conference Papers, Seminars, and Training Workshops

- (Feb 2025) Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Higher Education Institutions in Light of Kuwait Vision 2025. Educational Inclusion Conference – Supreme Council for Planning – State of Kuwait.
- (Feb 2025) The Role of Civil Society in Empowering Women with Disabilities. Educational Inclusion Conference – Supreme Council for Planning – State of Kuwait.
- (Jul 2024) Panel: Medical Scholarship Plan – Aligning Education Quality with Labor Market Needs. Organized by the Women’s Cultural Society.

- (Oct 2024) Symposium on the Current Conflict in Gaza – Working Paper: Soft Power in Defending the Palestinian Cause. Faculty of Law, Kuwait University.
- (Nov 2024) 12th General Conference of the Arab Women Union – Workshop: The Kuwaiti Experience in Women's Empowerment.
- (Sep 2023) Participation in the Kuwaiti Women Delegation – EU Women Empowerment Program.
- (2022) Learning Difficulties Conference – Sharjah Center. Paper: Challenges Facing Students with Learning Difficulties in Higher Education.
- (2022) National Consultations Summit on Transforming Education – Kuwait. Paper: 21st Century Teaching Competencies.
- (2021) Virtual Educational Conference – Jahra Region. Paper: Teaching Competencies in the Virtual School.
- (2021) 8th Parent Forum (COVID-19) – Psychological and Social Impact on Children. Paper: Quality of Education for Students with Learning Difficulties Post-Pandemic.
- (2020) The Virtual School Between Reality and Ambition. Paper presented at the UAE Embassy in Kuwait and the Ministry of Education.
- (2020) The Role of the Family in Promoting Social Integrity. Workshop organized by the Anti-Corruption Authority.
- (2020) Teaching Students with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Workshop organized by the Women's Cultural Society.
- (2020) The Extent of Learning Difficulties Among Students with Disabilities During the Pandemic. Lecture at Sharjah Center for Learning Difficulties.
- (2020) Education for Students with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic. 3rd Conference of the Curriculum and Instruction Department – College of Basic Education – PAAET – Kuwait.
- (2019) Brain-Based Learning Theory. Workshop for Al-Sadeem Model School for Learning Difficulties.

- (30 April 2019) Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in Higher Education in Kuwait: Issues and Challenges. 2919th Int'l Conference on Management and Education Innovation, University of Greenwich, London, UK.
- (2019) Reality of Education for Students with Disabilities in Higher Education Institutions in Kuwait. Conference on Special Education and Learning Difficulties – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- (Apr 2018) Issues in Curriculum and School Performance Assessment in Intellectual Education. Ministry of Education – Egypt.
- (2018) Inquiry-Based Instruction for Teaching Science to Elementary Students in Mainstream and LD Schools. ERPA Congress on Education – Istanbul University – Turkey.
- (2016) Effectiveness of Pre-Service Teacher Training in Special Education According to CEC Standards – Kuwait. ICESS Conference – Madrid, Spain.
- (2016) Services for Students with Special Needs Between Reality and Aspiration. Seminar – College of Basic Education.
- (2015) Teaching Competencies for Teachers of Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Kuwait Based on International Standards. Global Academic Conference – Istanbul, Turkey.
- (2015) Inclusion from an Islamic Perspective – Comparative Study. Int'l Conference on Special Education and Learning Difficulties – Amman, Jordan.
- (2013) Teacher-Student Relationship: Blacksmith or Goldsmith? Workshop at Fatima Bint Al-Khattab School.
- (2011) Successful Dialogue for a Happy Family. Community Development Center – Jahra.
- (2008) Disability in Kuwait – Cultural Perspective. University of Birmingham – UK.
- (2008) Islamic Views on Inclusive Education. Faiths and Development Program – University of Birmingham.
- (2008) Inclusion in England and Kuwait – Feasibility and Support Issues. Doctoral Conference – London, UK.

- (2008) Interactive Research Approach in Inclusion. Postgraduate Research Conference – University of Birmingham.
- (2008) Comparative Study on Inclusive Education in England and Kuwait. Zayed Higher Organization Conference – Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Training Courses

- “Developing Competitive Research Proposals” workshop, 5–7 December 2016, at KFAS Headquarters.
- (Apr 2016) Internal Auditor Beginner Level – Global Quality Program – Ibn Al-Haytham Center – PAAET.
- (May 2014) Career Qualification Course – Training Center of the Faculty Association.
- (May 2014) E-Teaching Portfolio using iPad Applications – Training Center of the Faculty Association.
- (May 2014) Economics of Education – Training Center of the Faculty Association.
- (May 2014) Effective Leadership Course – Training Center of the Faculty Association.
- (Dec 2014) Workshop “Using iPads in Teaching” – Training Center of the Faculty Association.
- (Mar 2013) Kuwait Sign Language Level 1 – Supreme Council for the Disabled.
- (Oct 2012) Benchmarking for Academic Program Accreditation – Center for Professional Development – Kuwait.
- (Dec 2010) International Computer Driving License (ICDL) – Kuwait.
- (Jun 2008) Workshop on International and Comparative Education Studies – University of Bristol.

- (Jul 2008) Summer Training Program – Philosophy of Education – Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain – Roehampton University – London.
- (Mar 2007) “Academic Research Writing for Publication” – University of Birmingham.
- (Jul 2007) British Sign Language Level 1 Certificate – University of Durham.
- (Sep 2007) Teaching Qualification Certificate – University of Birmingham.
- (Oct 2006) Microsoft Office Training Course – University of Birmingham.
- (May 2006) NVivo 2.0 Software Training Course – University of Birmingham.
- (Sep 2005) “Presentation and Transferable Skills” Workshop – University of Birmingham.
- (Jul 1996) Computer Science Certificate – Al-Jazeera Private Institute for Training – Kuwait.

Committees and Cultural Activities

- Member of the Preparatory Committee – 3rd Curriculum and Teaching Conference (July 2020).
- Member of the Committee for Remote Learning Guidelines Post-COVID – Ministry of Education, Kuwait (2020).
- Member of the National Committee for Special Education Standards – Ministry of Education, Kuwait (2019–2020).
- Member of the Preparatory Committee – 43rd Teacher Professional Development Conference (2018).
- Member of the Volunteer Work Document Committee – Ministry of Education (2017–2018).

- Founder of the Support Committee for Students with Disabilities – College of Basic Education (2015–2016).
- Chairwoman of the 1st Curriculum and Learning Difficulties Conference (2015–2016).
- Member of the Scientific Committee – 1st International Learning Difficulties Conference (2015–2016).
- Founder of the Awareness Campaign “Your Ignorance Hurts Me” (2015–2016).
- Chairwoman of the Disability Support Committee – College of Basic Education (2015–2016).
- Member of the Internal Quality and Audit Committee – College of Basic Education (2015–2016).
- Head of the Special Education Unit – Curriculum & Instruction Dept. (2015–2014).
- Organizer of the 1st Learning Difficulties Forum – Curriculum & Instruction Dept. (2014–2015).
- General Coordinator – Academic and Administrative Training Center (2014–2015).
- Member – Preparatory Committee for the National Education Conference – NCCD (2014–2015).
- Member – National Employment Qualification Initiative (2014).
- Member – Committee for Social Responsibility – Ministry of Youth Affairs (2013–2014).
- Academic Development Coordinator – Faculty Association (2013–2014).
- Member – Academic and Administrative Development Committee – Faculty Association (2013–2014).
- Member – College Council – College of Basic Education (2013–2014).

- Program Developer – Students with Disabilities Conference “My Ambition Exceeds My Disability II” (2014).
- Member – Organization Committee of the 4th Student Conference – College of Basic Education (2013–2014).
- Supervisor – Practical Teaching Program for Special Education Majors (2013–2014).
- Active Participant – Numerous Committees within the College of Basic Education.
- Presenter – Various Educational Lectures in Schools.

Scientific Associations Memberships

- Member of the Faculty and Training Association – PAAET.
- Member of the Women’s Cultural and Social Society.