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Education

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| M.Sc. in Clinical Optometry | (Distinction) | Sep 2021- Jan 2023 |
| School of Optometry and Vision Sciences, Cardiff University, United Kingdom | | |
| Project title: An Electronic Record for Shared Eyecare: An Optometric Requirement Analysis. | | |
| B.Sc. in Optometry | (3.22/4 - Very Good) | 2011 - 2015 |
| Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, An-Najah National University, Palestine | | |
| Project title: The Prevalence of Inherited Color Vision Deficiency and its associated Risk Factors Among Palestinian Medicine and Health Sciences Students. | | |
| General Examination Board/ Scientific stream | (91.7%) | 2010 - 2011 |
| Kefl Haris Secondary Girls School, Palestine | | |

Work Experience

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| University Instructor | Jan 2023 – till now |
| Division of Optometry, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing and delivering lectures and seminars. E.g., 'Paediatric Optometry', 'Ophthalmic Optics' and 'Pre & post operative optometric management' modules.• Teaching in optometry clinics. E.g., contact lenses, primary optometric care, and clinical dispensing clinics.• Developing curricula and course material.• Building and providing course content to students using Moodle platform.• Collaborating with other academics and lecturers to improve teaching in the department.• Grading assignments, tests and exams.• Supervising BSc students' proposals and research projects.• Participating in training opportunities and initiatives at the university.• Providing support and orientation to students. | |
| Research and Teaching Assistant | Aug 2017 – Aug 2021 |
| Division of Optometry, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate clinical research and supervise student research.• Assist in clinical assessments & screenings.• Supervise students during their lab training. E.g., primary optometric care, diagnostic techniques, contact lenses, low vision and clinical dispensing clinics.• Prepare laboratory lectures and handouts.• Grade practical exams.• Provide direct patient eye care in specialty clinics.• Provide assistance to clinical staff by organizing files and data.• Equipment maintenance and keeping equipment inventory.• Track course evaluations.• Assist in departmental course and clinic developmental action plans. | |

Optometrist and Manager

Dec 2015- May 2017

Almanara Optical Center, Nablus, Palestine

- Manifest refraction and soft contact lens fitting.
- Spectacles dispensing, edging and repair.
- Center management and selling of spectacles, sunglasses, soft contact lenses for customers.
- Managing the center's page on Facebook.

Internship

May- Oct, 2015

Best Vision Optical Center, Nablus, Palestine

AL-Noor center for ophthalmology, Arab Specialist Hospital, Nablus, Palestine

An-Najah National University Hospital, Nablus, Palestine

- Refraction, spectacles dispensing, edging and repair, and tinting lenses.
- Contact lenses fitting including soft, gas permeable and semi-scleral contact lenses.
- Practicing customers' service to meet their demands.
- Pentacam, Optical Coherence Tomography, A/B Scan, pachymeter, Fundus Imaging and Automated Perimeter.
- Examining patients before refractive surgeries (e.g., manifest refraction, dryness tests ...).

Vision Screenings

- Optometry Department, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine

2018- 2021

Screening examinations for primary school students in different Palestinian cities to detect students with vision impairment, part of JUSOOR project.

- Federation of Medical Students and Health Professionals, Palestine

2014- 2015

Medical days were held in Beit-Imreen and Asira Al-Shamaliya provides basic vision tests and referral for the needed cases.

- Optometry Department, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine

Dec, 2013- Apr, 2015

Screening examinations for preschool children age group were provided through several visits to kindergartens in Nablus city. Retinoscopy was the major test I was responsible to perform.

Part of a project entitled: "Prevalence of Refractive Errors among Preschool Children in Nablus City / Palestine"

Skills

- ❖ Windows, M.S. Office, SPSS.
- ❖ Scientific research and academic writing.
- ❖ Project management.
- ❖ Time management.
- ❖ Analysis & Problem-Solving.
- ❖ Written and oral Communication.
- ❖ Teamwork.
- ❖ Optical centre management and sales.

Specialized Courses & Training

- ❖ **College of Optometrists Higher Certificate in Low Vision** **2022**
The College of Optometrists, UK
- ❖ **Academic Writing for Biomedical and Life Sciences course** **March, 2022**
Online course, Cardiff University, UK
- ❖ **Introduction to Low Vision Rehabilitation course** **Aug, 2015**
Vision Training Center, German Jordanian University, Jordan
- ❖ **SPSS course** **March, 2015**
Korean Palestinian IT Center of Excellence, An-Najah National University, Nablus (Palestine)
- Others:**
- ❖ **First Aid Workshop** **Jan, 2014**
The American Corner at An-Najah National University, Nablus (Palestine)
- ❖ **Photography training course** **March - April, 2013**
Faculty of Media, An-Najah National University, Nablus (Palestine)

Accomplishments

- ❖ Participation in contact lens event in the optometry department at An-Najah National University. It included providing vision tests, contact lens fitting and prescribing for free and patient education and advice for university students, 2023.
- ❖ Obtain ANNU Master's Study scholarship, An-Najah National University, 2021.
- ❖ Participation in the development of An-Najah Eye Clinic forms and designing them (e.g., primary eye care clinic, contact lens clinic and low vision clinic), 2018.
- ❖ The B.Sc. graduation project team leader from 2014-2015.
- ❖ Designed the Visual Field Device for measuring visual field angle for the Low Vision Clinic at An-Najah National University, 2015.
- ❖ The Optometry Class president from 2013-2015.

Others:

- ❖ Won the third rank prize for Palweather website competition of the most beautiful weather phenomenon on October 31, 2014.

Voluntary Experience

The Eye Clinic, An-Najah National University

Sept-Oct, 2012

Organizing patients' files in drawers and preparing them on visit time. Also, scheduling appointments over the phone and computerized them in custom tables. Arranging the equipment in the clinic.

Seminars and Conferences

- ❖ **Putting myopia management into practice** (Attended)
The Association of Optometrists, online. 2024
- ❖ **Sustainability** (Attended)
CooperVision, online. 2022
- ❖ **Barriers to Myopia - an update** (Attended)
Hoya Lens UK and Ireland, online. 2022
- ❖ **MGD; The Importance of the Oils, Tears and Lipid Layer** (Attended)
Théa Pharmaceuticals, online via <https://www.thea-pharmaceuticals.co.uk/>. 2022
- ❖ **Hybrid Contact Lenses Workshop** (Participated)
The 5th Jordanian Palestinian Optometry Conference, Arab American University, Ramallah, Palestine. 2019
- ❖ **Optical illusions seminar for elementary school students** (Participated)
An-Najah National University, Palestine. 2019
- ❖ **Poster presentation of research project** (Participated)
First International optometry conference, Korean Palestinian IT Center of Excellence, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine. 2016
- ❖ **Optometry Bachelor program** (Participated)
Orientation seminar for new optometry students, An-Najah National University, Palestine. 2014 & 2016
- ❖ **Low vision rehabilitation in elderly** (Participated)
Medical talks 2, An-Najah National University, Palestine. 2013
- ❖ **Many different topics of presentations according to courses** (Participated)
Available in prezi.com by Ghaida'a Shaqour
- ❖ **The First Palestinian-Jordanian conference and the fifth "EMCO" conference of optics** (Attended)
Ramallah (Palestine). 2015

- ❖ **The annual conference of Palestinian Federation of Medical students and Health professionals**
(Attended)
Ramallah (Palestine). 2013 & 2014

Additional Information

Languages: Arabic (Native speaker), English (Excellent)

Memberships: International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE), 2024 – till now.
Association of Optometrists (AOP), United Kingdom, 2021-till now (Student membership).
General Optical Council (GOC), United Kingdom, 2021-2023 (Student membership).
Palestinian Optometrists Syndicate, Palestine, 2015 till 2020.
Optometrist Professional License, Palestine, from 2015 till now.
Palestinian Federation of Medical students and Health professionals, Palestine, 2013 to 2015.

References

Available upon request.