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EDUCATION

King Saud University – College of Applied Medical Sciences

B.S. with Second Class Honors in Rehabilitation Speech and Hearing

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

08/2016 – 05/2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ynmo

Research Assistant

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

04/2022 – 06/2023

- Supporting Dr. Haifa Alroqi in collaboration with Dr. Mike Frank at Stanford University in developing a short-form version of the Saudi Arabic Communicative Development Inventory (CDI).
- Collecting and analyzing data samples from 600 Arabic-speaking children.

King Fahad Medical City

Clinical Research Assistant

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

08/2021 – 02/2022

- Assisted Dr. Reem AlYahya in development of assessment tools for patients with acquired neurogenic communication disorders.
- Recruited candidate patients with acquired brain damage and administered and scored cognitive and language assessments.
- Recorded and managed participant data according to project requirements and established protocols.

Saudi National Mental Health Survey

Research Affiliate

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

01/2021 – 01/2022

- Conducted literature research on mental health and disability in Saudi Arabia.
- Investigated the relationship between mental disorders and disability using existing data from the Saudi National Mental Health Survey.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ynmo

Social Initiative Manager

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

02/2022 – Present

- Managing national initiative dedicated to early detection and treatment of language disorders in early childhood.
- Directing a team of 10 leading speech-language pathologists and childhood experts recruited to develop and support initiative activities such as clinical protocols, research, training, and awareness programs.
- Overseeing and coordinating virtual therapy sessions on the Ynmo Family digital app.

Operations coordinator

08/2021 – 02/2022

- Assisted in partnership with the Saudi Health Council to launch “Namaai”, a digital project related to screening and detecting autism risk.
- Supported partnership with Brookes publishing to acquire digital rights to the Arabic Ages & Stages Questionnaires.
- Produced educational content related to language development and special education topics for company blog.

King Fahad Medical City

Speech-Language Pathology Intern

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

03/2021 – 08/2021

- Provided speech and language therapy services in rehabilitative, acute, and outpatient care settings.
- Implemented therapeutic treatment plans and protocols in to optimize patients’ language and communication.
- Liaised with multi-disciplinary team to incorporate treatment plan, goals, and objectives.

King Abdulaziz University Hospital (KSUMC)

Clinical Audiology Intern

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

09/2020 – 02/2021

- Provided pediatric and adult patients with full range of audiology services.
- Measured hearing acuity and identified type and degree of hearing loss by performing pure tone audiometry, speech audiometry and immittance audiometry testing.
- Recommended and fitted assistive listening devices to improve hearing.

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English and Arabic

Software: SQL, Tableau, SPSS, PRAAT, ELAN, Computerized Speech Lab (CSL) software

Certifications: Registered Speech and Hearing Specialist by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- “Digital App to Screen and Treat Language Disorders in Saudi Arabia” ASHA 2023 Convention, Boston MA (November 2023).
- “Faseeh Initiative,” The 3rd Conference of the Saudi Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (October 2022).
- “ARL: Accessible Remote Learning,” CocreATe Showcase, Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, (January 2021).

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

CocreATe

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Fellow

01/2020 – 02/2020

- Contributed to the development of an automated interpretation of Arabic Sign Language tool for persons with deafness and hearing impairment.
- Researched and identified the user needs of persons with disability.
- Created a writing tool for persons with dexterity issues.

ACM SIGACCESS

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Member

05/2020 – Present

- Promoting professional interests of computing personnel with disabilities.
- Educating the public to support careers for people with disabilities.

King Saud University

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Project Lead

06/2019 – 06/2020

- Led a multidisciplinary project to enhance communication abilities in stroke patients.
- Developed Arabic language therapy materials for patients with naming and word-finding difficulties.

King Saud University

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Head of scientific committee of the speech and hearing scientific club

08/2018 – 05/2020

- Planned and oversaw student club activities including scientific meetings and outreach events.
- Supervised the use of scientific information in the development of articles and awareness brochures.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Second Class Honors at King Saud University (2020)
- Qimam Award for distinguished university students (2019)