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CELTA Trainer & Director of Studies, academic consultant and CELTA centre manager at Pharos University at Alexandria; Academic consultant trainer at NILE, British Council Egypt, TransformELT & Eequals

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Experience

Pharos University in Alexandria (PUA)

June 2013 - Present

Educational Consultant

Responsible for supervising existing curricula and analyzing teaching resources and methods - consultation entails analyzing and monitoring the teachers' academic performance, approving instructional materials and assessment tools including exams, and counseling and mentoring the teaching staff

Director of the English Language Centre

Responsible for the academic and administrative operations of the English language programs: undergraduate English programs and ESP programs - Head of the Curriculum Design Unit, Professional Development Unit and Testing Unit

CELTA Centre Manager and Tutor

Responsible for running EG211 CELTA Centre, and tutoring both F2F and online

Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE), UK

July 2017-Present

CELTA Tutor

Main and Assistant Course Tutor - Module 2 TP Tutor

Rwanda Teacher Training Project in collaboration with the British Council

Online training to school teachers

Tunisian Teacher Training Project in collaboration with the British Council

Online training to Tunisian school teachers

NILE/ EAQUALS

Language tests and material review consultant

Teaching House, USA and the UK

November 2018- Present

Teaching House- Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Washington DC, USA

CELTA face to face and Online Course Tutor

Teaching House- London, The UK

CELTA Online Course Tutor

International House

August 2018- Present

IH Izmir, Turkey

Online CELTA Course Tutor

IH Galway- Galway, Ireland

F2F CELTA Assistant Course Tutor

IH Dammam- Dammam, KSA

Online CELTA Assistant Course Tutor

IH Cairo – Cairo, Egypt

Training and Educational Development Consultant and Online CELTA Course Tutor

Other Centers

July 2020

Grade Centre- Kiev, Ukraine

Online CELTA Course Tutor

Education

Purdue University Global, West Lafayette, IN

Enrolled in Doctor of Education EdD in Leadership and Innovation **Start date: October 2025**

American University of Cairo, Egypt

Major: TEFL- Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Practicum: taught campus employees as part of the Campus literacy program and worked part time at the AUC Writing Center, 2007

Master of Arts, 2008

GPA: 3.9/4.00

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Major: English Literature

Worked as a data entry specialist at Purdue University Financial Aid office, 1992

Bachelor of Arts, 1993

GPA: 3.46/4.00

University of Oxford, Department of Continuing Education, Summer 2010

Intensive English Language Teacher Training Program, Exeter College

TESOL International Association, 2013

Leadership Development Certificate Program

Award and Honors

American University of Cairo, Egypt

2006- 2008

Awarded Graduate Merit Fellowship by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA

1991- 1993

Awarded Merit scholarship, and Tutor Teaching Award in the English Writing lab

Awarded Purdue University Scholarship for distinguished students, and Federal College Work-Study Award

Consultation Work

Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE)

British Council Egypt

TransformELT

Eaquals

Conferences, Independent Courses and Affiliations

Presented in

- HLT Digital, Bratislava, Slovakia, **February 2024**
- TESOL Italy's 48th National Convention, **December 2023**
- 3rd EWB National Conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, **October 2023**
- World Teachers' Day, British Council, **October 2023**
- IH Kiev Teacher Training Day, **October 2021 and 2023**
- IALLT: International Association Language Learning Technology, New Orleans, **June 2023**
- English Without Borders online webinar, Tajikistan, **May 2023, November 2024**
- English UK ELT Conference: Teaching Practice Online, **February 2023**
- IH London The Future of Training Conference, **November 2022 and 2024**
- Equals Online Webinars, **October 2022, May 2024**
- the 55th IATEFL 2022, Belfast, **May 2022**
- Equals 2022 International Conference, Venice, **April 2022**
- ELT Annual Online Conference, **February 2018, 2021 and 2022**
- Teaching House Online Webinars with Sandy Millin, **January 2022**
- The Cambridge English Teaching Awards Symposium, **December 2021**
- Teaching House webinar, **January 2021**
- IH London Future of Training Online Conference, **November 2022 and 2021**
- 4th International Conference on Advanced Research in Teaching and Education (ICATE), Budapest, **August 2021**
- 54th IATEFL International Conference, **June 2021**
- IATEFL LAMSIG Festival of Ideas, **March 2021**
- MERI College's Online Faculty Development Program, India **July 2020**
- ELT Management panel as part of NILE's Insight, **June 2020**
- ELT Ireland, **February 2020** and ELT Summer Talk, **June 2020**
- IATEFL- Hungary conference, **October 2019**
- The International ELT Symposiums and Teacher Training Workshops, Pharos University in Alexandria **2016, 2017**
- IATEFL LTSIG, ELT Ireland & MEI 4th digital ELT conference, Dublin, **Oct/Nov 2015**
- 5th World Conference on Learning, Teaching and Educational Leadership (WCLTA) in Prague, **2014**
- EgypTesol: TEFL Outside Academia- Challenges, Strategies and Solutions, Cairo **2007**

Completed

- a course in Teaching English Online, Cambridge Language Assessment, **May 2019**
- NILE Online Tutors Course, **June 2018**
- sessions in Coaching to Higher Performance, Vancouver Community College, BC **2013**
- sessions in Emotional Intelligence for Smart Leaders, University of British Columbia, BC **2013**
- ETS Propell TOEIC Training Workshops and became a certified TOEIC trainer, Greece **2013**
- the Oxford University English Language Teachers' Summer Seminar- Exeter College, Oxford the UK **2010**
- the GRE preparation course at The University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Maryland **2008**

Member of:

- IATEFL, EAQUALS, ELT Ireland and TESOL International Association since **2013**
- International Association for language Learning Technology (**IALLT**) and English without Borders (EWB), **2023**
- Blended Learning Work Group (BLWG), AMIDEAST training facilities, Middle East and North Africa, **2012**

Publications

ELT Classroom Research Journal

Okaz,A & Ajuoga,I (20024). [BOOK REVIEW: The teacher-research journey: Voices from champion teacher-researchers of Uzbekistan]. ELT Classroom Research Journal, Vol 1, issue 1, pp. 113-117. (2024) https://eltcrj.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/ELTCRJ_v1i1-Okaz-Ajuoga.pdf

The Teacher Training, 2024

Okaz, A. (2024, Aug). Review: Exploring Gender in the African Classroom, edited by Paula Rebollo and Teresa Okoth, British council 2023, August 2024 Volume 37 No.3- ISSN 0951-7626 <https://edition.pilgrimsttj.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=684becfb-9c7e-4e0e-a899-3ca79da26565>

Modern English Teaching

Okaz, A (2024). [Review of the book *Learning While Teaching: A handbook for language teachers looking for ways to improve their own level of English through classroom practice*, by D. Vaskova]. *Modern English Teaching*, 33, (1) 86-87 www.modernenglishteacher.com

The Teacher Training, 2024

Okaz, A. (2024, Jan). Post teaching-practice feedback can be reversed, Winter 2024 Edition- January 2024 Volume 37 No.1- ISSN 0951-7626 <https://edition.pilgrimsttj.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=9ec2a57d-6a9b-47bf-844b-f248d6bdd550>

TESOL Connections: May 2022

Okaz, A. (2022, May). Quick tip: 7 innovative ways to use padlet.TESOL Connections. <http://newsmanager.compartners.com/tesolc/issues/2022-05-01/index.html>

el.gazette, issue 481, July 2022

Okaz, A. (2022, July). Professional Development is as easy as ABC. el.gazette. <https://www.elgazette.com/professional-development/>

el.gazette, issue 479, February 2022

Okaz, A. (2022, Feb). A look at English instruction in Egypt. el.gazette. <https://www.elgazette.com/a-look-at-english-instruction-in-egypt/>

Humanising Language Teaching by Pilgrims, 2020

Okaz, A. (2020, June). One Size Does Not Fit All, June 2020 Edition- June 2020 Year 22 - Issue 3- ISSN 1755-9715 <https://www.hltmag.co.uk/june2020/one-size-does-not-fit-all>

Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2015

Okaz, A. (2015). Integrating Blended Learning in Higher Education. Social and Behavioral Sciences 2015;186, 600-603, <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877042815023460>

Digital ELT Ireland Technology & Pedagogy in Practice, 2015

Presented a paper titled: "The instructional benefits of using online tools and apps in second language undergraduate classes", <http://www.digital-elt.eu/speakers/abeer-okaz/>

5th World Conference on Learning, Teaching and Educational Leadership, Prague (WCLTA-2014) Presented a paper titled: "Integrating Blended Learning In Higher Education", http://www.worldeducationcenter.eu/new/public/conferences/3/schedConfs/24/program-en_US.pdf

The Journal of Teaching English with Technology, 2014

Okaz, A. (2014). LESSON PLAN –Online games to teach vocabulary to young learners. The Journal of Teaching English with Technology 2014; 14(1), 76-82, <http://www.tewtjournal.org>

The Journal of Teaching English with Technology, 2013

Okaz, A. (2013). LESSON PLAN –Recycling lesson plan. The Journal of Teaching English with Technology 2013; 13(3), 65-70, <http://www.tewtjournal.org>

TESOL International Association, 2013

Okaz, A. (2013). Farm Animals Lesson Plan. TESOL International Association.
<http://www.tesol.org/read-and-publish>

Volunteer Work

Ex-IATEFL LTSIG Content Manager

2020- 2024

Responsible for the quarterly issued newsletters

Journal of Education and Learning EduLearn

2016-Present

Program committee member and reviewer of manuscripts

ELT Classroom Research Journal

2023- present

Writing reviews

EVE Algeria program

2024

Mentor in the EVE Mentoring project with ELT Algerian Network

References

Marie Therese Swabey

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