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## **Education:**

1974–1975, Baccalaureate in English Language and Literature, Damascus University; 1977, Diploma in Education, Damascus University; 1981–2, MA in Practical Linguistics (Teaching English as Second Language), Texas University, Austin, Texas; 1985, Doctorate in Practical Linguistics (Teaching English as Second Language), Texas University, Austin, Texas.

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1977, Teacher of English, Faculty of Commerce, Damascus University; 1979, Lecturer at Faculty of Literature and Humanities, Aleppo University; 1985–1987, Lecturer in English Department, Aleppo University; 1987–2000, Director of Consultation Centre for English Language; 1991–1992, Assistant Professor of English, Language Department, Aleppo University; 1992, Member of Committee of Academic Research, Council of Higher Education; 1995, Professor English Department, University of Aleppo.

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