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EDUCATION

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- 2000 BA in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
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Kashefian-Naeeni, S., & Nooreiny Maarof (2011). Malaysian ESL learners' use of language learning strategies. *International Conference on Humanities, Society and Culture* (ISI Conference), KL, Malaysia.

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- Kashefian-Naeeni, S.,** Nooreiny Maarof, & Ramlee Mustapha (2010). An investigation into the use of effective language learning strategies among secondary school students in Selangor. *23th International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement*, KL, Malaysia.
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Kashefian-Naeeni, S., Khojasteh, L., Mahboudi, A., Shahsavar, Z., & Shokrpour, N. (2016). English for the Students of Nursing. Shiraz, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences Publications.

Kashefian-Naeeni, S., & Riaz, A.M. (2011). ELT matters: Developments in English language learning and teaching. In Jayakaran Mukundan et. al. (Eds). *The role of social factors in Iranian students' predispositions towards autonomous language learning (413-423)*. Serdang, University Putra Malaysia Press.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Teaching English at the university level to students of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Anesthesiology, Physiotherapy, Radiology, Management, Midwifery, Health Information Technology, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Translation, English Literature, Mechanical/ Electrical/ Civil and Textile Engineering, Islamic Education, Persian Literature and Chemistry at the following universities:

Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, 2012 to present.

Malek-Ashtar University of Technology of Shiraz, 2013-2014.

Payamenoor University of Shiraz, 2012-2013.

Shiraz Azad University, 2005-2006.

Yazd Azad University, 2003-2005.

HONORS AND REWARDS

Certificates of Distinction. Shahid Motahari Educational Festival 2018 & 2019.

Badge of Excellence for Athletic Activities, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, 2018.

Faculty Top Educational Faculty Member Certificate. Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, 2018.

Certificate of Distinction. Shahid Motahari Educational Festival 2017.

Faculty Top Researcher Award. Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, 2017.

Certificate of Distinction. Shahid Motahari Educational Festival 2016.

A certificate of appreciation by Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of the Ministry of Higher Education, awarded in KL, 2010

A certificate of appreciation by Scientific Counselor and Director of Iranian Students Affairs in South East Asia for academic efforts, 2010

Award from Embassy of Iran in Malaysia for being an outstanding representative of Iranian students in UKM, 2008

A certificate of appreciation by Scientific Counselor and Director of Iranian Students Affairs in South East Asia for holding workshops and organizing various programs in UKM, 2008

A certificate of appreciation for being a top student at the BA level (by the Chancellor), 2000

Certificates of Junior and Senior Proficiency in English of Iran Language Institute in 1995 and 1996, respectively

WORKSHOPS

Publishing Research Papers in High Impact Journals, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, 2014.

Professors' Behavior towards Students. Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, 2014.

Writing and Publishing ISI Papers Workshop, Center for Graduate Management, National University of Malaysia, 2011.

Learner Diversity, Faculty of Education, National University of Malaysia, 2011.

Research Tools, National University of Malaysia, 2011.

NVivo Workshop, Faculty of Economics, National University of Malaysia, 2010.

Workshop on Nano (with the Cooperation of Iran Embassy), National University of Malaysia, 2009.

Skills Workshop (with the Cooperation of Iran Embassy), National University of Malaysia, 2008.

English Letter Writing, Yazd Azad University, 2004.

Writing Research Articles in Persian, Yazd Azad University, 2004.

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