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**Education and Qualifications**

**University of Leicester – MA Communications Media and Public Relations, 2011 – 2014**

Course covered abroad range of subjects including key issues and approaches in media study, media history and social regulations, media in global context, communications and globalization, investigating media, media industries: convergence, divergence, professional practice, audience and reception and public relations.

Dissertation –The Role of Gender in Determining TV News Watching

**Long Ridge Writers Group – Diploma in Writing Articles for Publication, 2005 – 2008**

Course developed my writing skills in many genres: reports, technical, fiction and non-fiction.

**Nairobi University – Bachelor of education (ARTS), 1988-1992**

I majored with linguistics (Kiswahili), pursued education which implemented my teaching and ability to transfer knowledge skills and advanced my knowledge in philosophy and religious studies.

**St. Mary High School, Kitale- ‘A’ Levels, 1986-1987**

Geography (principal), Kiswahili (principal), C.R.E (principal), general paper (subsidiary)

**Certificate Courses**

**The open university – Spanish for Beginners (continuing)**

**British council – understanding IELTS 2016**

**University of Edinburg – football 2016**

**University of Birmingham – digital storytelling 2015**

**University of Strathclyde – introduction to journalism 2015**

**Work Experience**

**Teachers Service Commission – High School Teacher, 1992 - present**

* Monitoring and evaluating students and communicating the findings to them.
* Coordinate academic activities of the school in my capacity as the academic master, utilizes team working negotiation and leadership skills.
* Orientation of new members of staff to enable them fit in the new environment to enable the institution to continue with its high performance.
* Teaching Kiswahili and transferring knowledge to students by team working with all members of staff and by effective verbal and written communication skills.

**Border News Network – Correspondent 2014 (part time)**

* Delivered high quality and well researched reports and articles on border and entry point issues.
* Upgraded my knowledge on research and compilation of reports.

**The Zanier Magazine/Online – Editor 2009 – 2014 (part time)**

* Succeeded in writing high quality fiction and non-fiction which was acknowledged by an international audience.
* Uploaded contents on [www.thezanier.com](http://www.thezanier.com).

**Kenya National Examination Council – marker, KCSE Kiswahili paper three, 2006 – present (December vacation)**

* Conducts marking of scripts in small groups under monitoring by team leaders and senior markers.
* Developed skills - responsibility, team working, decision making and supporting colleagues.

**SKILLS**

**Leadership and Teamwork**

* As an academic master, I coordinate the academic programs which include setting exam dates, preparing timetables, ensuring that all departments submit their work plans and schemes of work, liaise with heads of departments to ensure that they implement their respective scope of work as entrenched in their plans, standards, timeliness and targets agreed on by all members of staff. I work under direct supervision of the Deputy Principal.
* Recently I organized a Kiswahili and English contest cum symposium which attracted schools from three counties. I went an extra mile in organizing teachers for invigilation marking and guiding the students in discussions.

**Communicates with Influence**

* I have gained strong and influential communication skills during my diploma and master degree courses from writing assignments and dissertation. As a teacher I liaise with other teachers, parents and students to ensure that the school succeeds in its mission of educating the youth.

**Proficiency in Computer Skills**

* Developed skills in using Microsoft word to create, format and save documents, reports and letters.
* Used Microsoft Excel to create, modify and format student lists.
* Developed spreadsheets and functions to create graphs and charts for monitoring and evaluating students.
* I’m ready to identify, learn and apply new IT packages to improve efficiency and problem solving.

**Strong Report Writing Skills**

* My communication courses have empowered me to write good reports after identifying key elements and criteria of writing quality reports.
* My dissertation upgraded my capacity to produce accurate, consistent and high standard reports.

**Translation Skills**

* As a scholar with high education certificates from three continents, I have acquired skills of translating English texts into Kiswahili and vice versa.
* I currently work as a part of a volunteer team which teach at Tom Mboya evening school: a school for the vulnerable youth who were unable to get secondary school education in regular schools.

**Problem Solving**

* I’ve developed advanced problem solving skills in the daily interaction with students.
* I guide, counsel and encourage students to never lose hope in pursuing their goals
* I’m editing my four-hundred-paged-Kiswahili novel.

**Interest and activities**

* I have written many short stories and poems.
* I am editing my first Kiswahili novel.
* I participate in gyms activities like aerobics.
* I enjoy travelling reading.

**References**

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