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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

20+ years of experience in education with over 14 years serving in educational administration and teaching at the University level and Teachers' Training Colleges. Ability to communicate effectively with a diverse population, and respond in an unbiased and tolerant way to individual differences. Ability to write grant proposals clearly, concisely, objectively and in the correct style. Swahili and English fluency. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point.

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

- Educational Leadership and Management
- International and Comparative Education
- Language and Social Studies Education
- Teacher Education
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Curriculum Development
- Peace Education

## **EDUCATION**

- **PhD in International Education Policy**, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA ( 2010)
- **Masters in Education**, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya (2000)
- **Bachelors in Education**, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya (1990)

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Embu University College (2014 to date)**

- Chairman-Department of Education and Social Sciences

### **Kenya Methodist University (2011 to 2013)**

- Chairman-Education and Pre-University Department
- Managed 9 campuses where Education Programmes are offered.

- Supervised 50 members of academic staff and 20 No-teaching staff members
- Coordinated Education, Pre-University Programme and Hospitality and tourism Management programmes in all the campuses.
- Participated in marketing of the programmes, recruitment and admission of new students.
- Managed setting, moderation and marking of examinations from all the Centers and Campuses.
- Senate Representative in the Board of Trustees of Kenya Methodist University for Fundraising and Resource Mobilization.

***International Reading Association-Washington DC (2009)***

- Consultant-Teacher Education (Sub-Sahara Africa)

***US-Africa Initiative on Higher Education- Washington DC (2010)***

- Consultant-Higher Education (Africa)

***University of Maryland-College Park, MD 20742-USA (2007 to 2010)***

- Graduate Assistant-College of Education

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***International Education Services-Graduate Assistant***

- International Students/Faculty Advising
- International Students Admissions
- Lecturer/Associate Professor-Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- To respond to e-mails from prospective and Current International Students-iesadv@deans.umd.edu

***Kenya Methodist University, Meru, Kenya (2001-2007)***

***Coordinator for School Based Program, 2003-2007***

- Recruited more than 500 students to join in-service training
- Organized teaching schedules for entire program
- Assisted Department in identifying potential lecturers
- Organized Exam timetable for entire program
- Computed student GPAs

***Lecturer, Kenya Methodist University (2001-2007)***

- Teacher Education

- Social Studies
- Educational Administration and Curriculum Studies

***Meru Teachers' College, Meru, Kenya (1998-2000)***

***Dean of Curriculum***

- Managed admission of new students
- Supervised 100 lecturers
- Arranged teaching schedule for entire program
- Directed teaching practice activities
- Computed examination results for all students

***Egoji Teachers' College, Meru, Kenya (1994-1998)***

- ❖ Head of Department-Humanities

***Mandera and Isiolo High Schools, Meru, Kenya (1990-1993)***

- ❖ Head of Department of Humanities
- ❖ English Instructor
- ❖ Geography Instructor

***Community Service***

- ❖ Chairman of the Tigania West District Education Board
- ❖ Chairman of Tigania West Constituency Development Fund-CDF (2011-2013)
- ❖ Chairman of Board of Management-St Lukes Secondary School; Kianjai
- ❖ Chairman of Board of Management-Mituntu Girls' High School-Mituntu
- ❖ Member of Board of Management-St Francis of Assisi High School-Muramba

***Publications***

1. Taaliu Simon Thuranira "Peace Education in Kenyan Schools" International Journal of Professional Practice. Volume 3, Issue 4 October-December 2012.
2. Taaliu Simon Thuranira. "Indigenous Knowledge, Environment and Education in Africa" in Transformative Eco-Education for Human and Planetary Survival, Edited by Prof Jin Lin and Prof Rebecca Oxford. Information Age Publishing, INC. Charlotte, NC 2011.
3. Taaliu Simon Thuranira. "Perspectives on Teacher Education in Kenya, (Perception, Status and Job (Dis) Satisfaction). 2011. Lambert Academic Publishing Saarbuckten, Germany.

4. Taaliu Simon Thuranira “Career Choices for high schools” International Journal of Professional Practice. Volume 3, Issue 4 June-October 2013.
5. Taaliu Simon Thuranira .Gender and Education. “A comparative study of Kenya and USA” Ruwaza, a Journal Publication of Egerton University-Kenya. January 2014.
6. Taaliu Simon Thuranira and Ndirangu Lydiah, “*Teachers’ Preparedness in the Integration of Information Communication Technology in Public Secondary Schools*”: A case of Kieni East District, Nyeri County-Kenya. In International Journal of Innovation and Scientific Research. ISSN 2351-8014 Vol.1 Nov. 2014, pp. 107-114.
7. Taaliu Simon Thuranira and Ndirangu Lydiah, “*Experiences of Parents in their Childrens’ Education*” IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS) Volume 19, Issue 12, Ver. V (Dec. 2014), PP 65-72 E-. ISSN 2279-0837, ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org

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