

REBECCA ESSEL

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an experienced Lecturer currently responsible for teaching in the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. I am affable, hardworking and able to meet deadlines of given schedules. My research interest areas are Distance Learning, leadership and Organisation, Research, Human Resource Management and Educational Psychology. Currently, I am researching on Evaluation of Distance Education and Widening Access to Education in Public Universities in Ghana. I am also involved in the supervision of thesis for students in tertiary institutions. My passion lies in organising study skills for students to help them excel in their academic work, as well as, teaching English Comprehension Skills to students and tutoring younger children how to read.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Art Education (PhD)

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Post Graduate Diploma (Research Methods and Skills)

Maastricht School of Management

December, 2012

Educational Management (M.A.)

University of Warwick

July, 2005

Psychology (B. Ed.)

University of Cape Coast

July, 1998

Diploma in Education

University of Education

July, 1986

Teacher's Certificate "A"

Wesley College of Education

May, 1980

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

I am serving or have served in KNUST in the following capacities:

Co-ordinator for Industrial Mathematics (2007 –2015). This is a programme run by the Institute of Distance Learning through the Department of Mathematics. I have organised Theses Seminars for them and have rendered counselling services when needed. I have discharged my duties and responsibilities professionally.

Co-ordinator for Actuarial Science (2012). This is a programme run by the Institute of Distance Learning through the Department of Mathematics. I have discharged my duties and responsibilities professionally.

Co-ordinator for BSc. Statistics (2012 -2015). This is a programme run by the Institute of Distance Learning through the Department of Mathematics. I have discharged my duties and responsibilities professionally.

Facilitator for Principles of Management (2011/2012). This is a programme run by the Institute of Distance Learning through the KNUST School of Business. I have discharged my duties and responsibilities professionally.

Member – Faculty of Art Committee for Linkages Local/International (2016). I have discharged my duties and responsibilities efficiently.

Facilitator – Orientation Proficiency Certificate in Architectural Draughtsmanship (PCAD) freshmen

Committee Member – Planning and Resources Committee (2011 – Date). This is a committee which examines the various courses run in the university. I played active roles in checking the appropriate number of credit hours within the various courses in the programmes and changes were made appropriately.

Acting Dean of the Institute of Distance learning (IDL). (2009) I had the privilege of acting as the Dean of the Institute of Distance learning at the latter part of August 2009 to September, 2009. During this period, I executed my duties as the Acting Dean efficiently

Acting Head of Department (June 2011) I acted as the head of the Department-Centre for Distance and Continuing Education. During the period, I discharged my duties with great diligence.

Acting Head of Department (September, 2009) I acted as the head of the Department-Centre for Distance and Continuing Education. During the period, I discharged my duties with great diligence.

I have also served the national community in the following capacities:

In the area of promoting knowledge for the citizens (students) I have organised workshops for students in institutions. The contents of the workshop have concentrated on study skills, listening skills, and reading comprehension. The schools in which workshops have been organised include:

- Afua Kobi Ampem Girl's Senior High School; 25/10/2011
- Juaben Secondary School; 22/06/2011
- Adanwomase Senior High School; 28/01/2011
- Jachie Pramso Secondary School; 24/02/2010
- St. Joseph's College of Education; 30/06/2009
- Effiduase Senior High/Commercial School; 18/06/2009
- Asamankese Secondary School; 29/05/2009
- Church Of Christ, Bomso; 2/09/2011

My Graduate School Pal and My Study Skills Pal are also books I have written for the general use of students to help them improve on their academic work as well as their learning skills and study habits

Internationally, I have served as;

Examiner - Examiner for the marking of Cambridge International Examinations.

Member – Commonwealth Executive MBA/MPA Capacity Building Workshop hosted in Open University of Sri Lanka

Reviewer for Journal –International Journal of Library and Information Science, 2010.

RESEARCH AREAS/ INTEREST

- Educational Psychology
- Guidance and Counselling
- Educational Administration and Management
- Research Methodology and Evaluation
- Test and Measurement
- Distance Learning
- Leadership and Organisation
- Research
- Human Resource Management.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Excellent IT skills, familiarity with a range of Microsoft Office packages.
- Very good organisational and administrative skills.
- Excellent attention to detail.

HOBBIES

- Recreational reading
- Listening to gospel music
- Indoor games

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Essel, R., Essel H. B., Osei Poku P., and Saah, A. A. (2020). Evaluation of Distance Education and Widening Access to Higher Education in KNUST, Int'l Journal of Research and Innovation in Science, ISSN 2454-6186
- Essel, R. and Owusu-Boateng, W. Access and Success in Learning: Technologies for Scaling up Open and Distance Learning Programmes in the Institute of Distance Learning, KNUST. Kumasi. Ghana. US-China Education Review, Vol, 1. No. 3. Pp 423-429 (2011)
- Owusu-Boateng, W. and Essel, R. Combating the Challenges in Adult Learning: The Case of KNUST Distance Learners. JUST Vol. 31, No. 1, Pp.103-113 (2011)
- Owusu-Boateng, W., R. and Mensah, J. A. The Challenges Distant Students Face as They Combine Studies with Work: The Experience of Teachers Pursuing Tertiary Distance Education at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Malaysian Journal of Distance Education. Vol. 12, Number 1. (June, 2010)
- Essel, R., Owusu-Boateng, W. In-Service Training: An Essential Element in the Professional Development of Teachers Malaysian Journal of Distance Education 11(2) pp 55-64, (2009)
- Saah, A. A., Mensah, J. A., and Essel, R. Toward a Team-Working Model to Create Quality Course Material Writing at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. 1st International Australasian Conference Proceedings Book (2011)
- Owusu-Boateng, W., Essel, R., Osei, C. K., Saah, A.A. Open And Distance Learning In Ghana – Nature, Challenges And Options. In: Teaching and Education in Developing Countries: Essays in Honour of Josephus Anamoah Mensah. CHAPTER 13: pp 180-187. (2008).
- Essel R. & Owusu- Boateng W. New Roles of the Instructor and Learner: Ways of Improving Classroom Facilitation in the Institute of Distance Learning in the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (ED MEDIA Conference Proceedings Book.) LISBON, pp 3418 -3425) (2011)
- Owusu-Boateng, W., Essel, R., and Mensah, J. A. Using DL to address the educational need of Ghanaian basic School Teachers. Access to learning for development: The 5th Pan-Commonwealth Conference Proceedings Book (2008)
- Essel, R., Owusu-Boateng, W. and Saah, A. A. Essel, R., Owusu-Boateng, W., and Saah, A. A., (2008). Effect of Distance Learner Perception Of course Materials on Access to Learning for Professional Development: A case study of Centre for Continuing Education - University of Cape Coast: The 5th Pan-Commonwealth Conference Proceedings Book (2008)

- Badu, E., Essel, R., Owusu-Boateng, W., and Saah, A. A. “Quality Teacher Education Through Open And Distance Learning: Management, Supervision And Funding Of Its Organization In The Next Fifty Years And Beyond”. National Teacher Education Conference Book, (2007)
- Badu, E., Owusu-Boateng, W., Essel, R., and Saah, A. A. “Quality Teacher Education through Adult, Lifelong and Continuing Education: Using Open and Distance Learning”. National Teacher Education Conference Book (2007)
- Saah, A. A., Mensah, J. A., and Essel, R. (2011) Toward a Team-Working Model to create Quality Course Material Writing at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi. 1st International Australasian Conference held in Adelaide, South Australia, 5th – 7th December 2011.
- Essel, R. Essel J. K (2008). My study Skills Pal, Dela Publications and Design Services: Ghana. [ISBN-9988-0-0342-4]
- Akorli, I, Quansah-Arkorful, G., Essel, R. and Ogordor, D. (2008) Primary English Pupil’s Activity Books 1-6. Cayfosa, Spain. [ISBN-13: 978019831091-4]
- Essel, R. (2012). My Graduate School Pal, Dela Publications and Design Services: Ghana. [ISBN-9988- 0- 0342-5]