



Vanessa Nathan, PhD

EDUCATOR AND RESEARCHER



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EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Auckland
2021 - Current

Research Assistant

The University of Auckland
2018 -2019 and 2024 - Current

Personal Assistant to General Manager

Conectus, UniServices, The University of Auckland
Mar to Sept 2014

Personal Assistant to Executive Officer

Vice Chancellor's Office, The University of Auckland
Apr to Nov, 2013

Classroom Teacher

Mathematics and Religious Education Specialist Teacher
Liston College, Henderson, Auckland
Mar 2010 to Dec 2012

PROFILE SUMMARY

Leadership experience in supporting and training members to adhere to procedures and protocols for project delivery and achieving objectives.

Excellent communicator who has the ability to connect and develop relationships with people from across various industries and fields with ease and to ensure the confidence of stakeholders.

Meticulous project coordination/management with an eye for detail and the ability to meet deadlines, from planning to completion, including participant recruitment, implementation of methods, procedures, data collection, analyses and interpretation, and report writing.

Data management that includes planning and design, data collection, analysis, reporting, sharing and access, and data storage.

EXPERIENCE

Research

The University of Auckland

2013 - current

- Assisted in writing a proposal for an international (USA) funding application, resulting in a PhD scholarship.
- I conducted literature searches and summarised articles for a grant application in New Zealand.
- My research abstracts were accepted, creating an opportunity to present my research findings at two European conferences in Sept, 2023 and Aug, 2024.
- I was part of a research team for a large evaluation programme involving preschools in Auckland that resulted in a published journal article.
- Designed and conducted independent master's and doctoral studies from the initial planning to completion, including design, methods, procedures, data management/ethics application, participant recruitment, data collection, data analyses, and writing up my master's dissertation and doctoral thesis.
 - Achieved the master's degree with 1st class honours.
 - PhD degree conferred, with commendations for excellence in research methodology at an international level.
- I'm able to code video recorded adult-child interactions, rate observed behaviours using a Likert scale, conduct performance tasks and participant interviews.
- I'm familiar with using R/ R studio, and NVIVO.
- Currently, I'm editing my article draft to publish my research findings in a reputable peer-reviewed journal.

SKILLS

- Research Project Coordination/ Management
- Data Management/Ethics Application
- Research design & methods
- Questionnaire/Survey Design
- Data collection (observational and performance tasks /questionnaires /participant interviews)
- Academic Writing (proposals/literature reviews)
- Data preparation and analyses (coding adult-child interaction/SPSS and Process Macro)
- Report writing
- Teaching/lecturing
- Presentation/Public speaking
- Content creation

EDUCATION

PhD (Development psychology)

University of Auckland (Faculty of Education)
2018 - 2023

Master's Degree (Developmental Psychology) (1st)

University of Auckland (Faculty of Education)
2013 -2015

Grad Dipoma In Secondary Teaching (Mathematics)

University of Auckland (Faculty of Education)
Mar - Nov, 2009

Certificate of Proficiency (Distinction): Experimental Design and Quantitative Methods for Psychology

University of Auckland (Faculty of Science)
Mar - Jun, 2018

Certificate of Proficiency (Distinction): Perception and Cognition

University of Auckland (Faculty of Science)
Jul - Nov, 2017

LANGUAGES

English
Malay
Tamil

Teaching Assistant

The University of Auckland

2021 - current

- Teamwork for timely completion and meeting course objectives for marking various assignment formats and exams for 1st and 2nd year undergraduate child and adolescent development courses.
- I've marked master's level assignments and research proposals for the Development Psychology course.
- Delivered a guest lecture to a developmental psychology master's degree class in Aug 2020.

Classroom Teaching

Liston College

Mar 2010 – Dec 2012

- Delivery of the NZ Curriculum (Mathematics and Religious Education), using a range of teaching techniques and strategies to students from years 7 to 12.
- Developed students' interest and capabilities by way of creative activities with the use of videos, games, etc.
- Organised and guided discussion groups (mixed levels) in class to assist diverse learners and maximise learning and retention in class.
- Monitored and recorded students' progress through formative and summative assessments that were useful for feedback on learners' understanding and progress.
- Displayed cultural sensitivity when discussing progress or issues with students and parents.
- Maintained classroom and behaviour management to provide an optimal learning environment for all students.
- Carried out administrative tasks using school student management systems (KAMAR).
- Working collegially with other teachers and self-reflection for continuous improvement in teaching practice.

Administrative and Organisational Skills

UniServices and the Vice-Chancellor's Office,
The University of Auckland

Apr 2013 - Sept 2014

- Communication and liaison on behalf of the Director with various individuals and groups relating to arrangements and requirements pertaining to an appointment to WHO, SAGE committee, Geneva, and other arrangements.
- I assisted with formatting a large document for submission to an organisation within the Government Public Service.
- Administrative tasks, such as minute-taking, expense claims/reimbursements (PeopleSoft), purchasing, scheduling meetings locally and internationally, travel bookings through the Orbit portal, venue booking and catering, etc.
- Assisted the Legal Counsel to project manage a University-wide CLL Copyright Survey in 2013.
- Assisted in selected arrangements for Graduation Ceremonies and administrative tasks for the Community Consultative Group Committee meetings when required.
- Providing high quality assistance and handling sensitive and confidential information.