

Personal Statement - Joyce Patchias

I am a qualified advanced practitioner with overall 26 years teaching and training experience, (teaching qualification from the University of Manchester). I have been trained by Ministry of Education Inspectors for the managing of and the carrying out of observations and training of observers in all sectors of education (e.g. F.E & H.E). I have had the valuable experience of being the subject of government inspectors and observing alongside government inspectors and know the high standards that are required. This has been supplemented and strengthened by continuously completing government backed certified courses for the training of observers and observations of teaching, learning and assessment and education management courses at the Manchester Metropolitan University.

While I was working full time in the United Kingdom, in my capacity as a departmental head I was tasked to form and implement a programme that would train teaching personnel and heads of departments to become qualified observers to observe, evaluate and assess academic personnel.

Through these programmes I endeavour to deliver excellence, innovation and improvement in teaching and learning, enhancing learner achievement, motivation and morale by developing practitioners' and managers' skills to ensure high quality facilitation and teaching. I continue to do this on a freelance basis using the recognised processes of the Ministry of Education in the United Kingdom.

I can help by training and establishing a team of qualified credible observers and/or leading a team who will be able to carry out their duties impartially, feedback information, complete relevant documentation and record information for future reference. This ensures that the sharing of good practice takes place and where necessary should a weakness comes to light, propose remedial action.

The vast experience I have gained in 14 years in successfully carrying out all the above tasks and duties make me confident that I can do the same for the University of Cyprus.