

## Brief CV



### Background

I am currently a senior lecturer at the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Faculty of Human Ecology, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). My academic path started at Universiti Putra Malaysia with Diploma in Agriculture, continued with Bachelor of Education (Guidance and Counseling) and Master Science (Counseling). Then, I obtained my PhD from University Malaya specializing in Counseling. I am also a registered counselor, registered with the Malaysian Board of Counselor since 2005. Throughout my service at the university, I have been entrusted with various administrative posts such as the Head of Department, the Head of PERMATA-UPM Training Unit and the Head of Family, Adolescent & Child Excellence Research Center (FACE), and an associate researcher at the Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing (MyAgeing) and the Institute for Social Science Studies (IPSAS), UPM. Also, I had an experience serving as a visiting scholar at University Bournemouth, the United Kingdom under Erasmus Mundus, European Union grant and a visiting researcher at the Focus on Emotion Lab, Leiden University, Netherlands.

### Teaching and Supervision

I have taught various undergraduate courses such as Basic Advising and Counseling, Career Guidance & Advising, Cognition and Language and Psychopathology of Children and Family. For my teaching purposes, I have applied different teaching methods encompass student-centered approach, online teaching and multimedia materials to improve students' learning experiences. As for supervision, I have supervised 20 undergraduate students, 3 Master students and 3 PhD students in the past five years. Also, I have been a member of supervisory committees for 18 PhD students and 7 Master students.

### Research and Publication

I have involved in 23 research projects concentrating on various themes which include child and adolescent development, play therapy, impact studies on intervention/training, family studies and homeless people. Out of 23 research projects, I serve as a principal investigator for 6 research projects, with the total RM618,192 amount of grant. I have also actively involved in international partnering research projects with researchers from Leiden University, Netherlands and University of New Mexico, the United State of America. With regard to research outcome, I have involved in several policy studies under the Ministry of

Women, Family and Community Development that focus on issues related to homeless people and deinstitutionalized among children. I am also a senior author for 7 journal articles, an author for 8 books, 3 edited books, 7 book chapters and 18 conference proceedings nationally and internationally. I have actively participated in various national and international seminars such as in the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Australia and Indonesia as a speaker and paper presenter.

### Industrial and Community Networking

I am passionate about industrial and community networking. Thus, becoming a lead consultant for PERMATA programs (a national program for childcare and early childhood education) which focus on training child care teachers with a total of RM 2.62 million grant awarded by the PERMATA Division, Prime Minister Department has by far become my greatest achievement in my career. I have contributed as a co-writer for the PERMATA Curriculum Module at the national level as well. The same module has been used to train teachers at Community Development Department (KEMAS), Yayasan Pembangunan Keluarga Terengganu (YPKT) and the Department of National Unity and Integration (JPNIN). As recognition, I have received 5-star rating from the Division of Industrial Network and Community, UPM for those dazzling works. Apart from those achievements, I have also served as a project leader for community programs that specifically focus on promoting positive child development and providing counseling services to various groups in Malaysia, which include youth, students, married couples and family.