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Education:

2013: PhD in Nursing Education (University of Witwatersrand, Republic of South Africa).

2013: PhD in Mental Health Nursing (University of Manchester, Manchester-United Kingdom).

2008: PhD in Mental Health and Counseling (Institute of Arab Research and Studies, Cairo-Egypt).

2003: Master Degree in Mental Health and Psychology (The Islamic University, Gaza-Palestine).

2000: Master Degree in Disability Studies (Flinders University-Australia).

1999: Higher Diploma in Community Mental Health (Associated program between Islamic University and Gaza Community Mental Health Program).

1996: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Al Quds University, Palestine).

1990: Diploma in nursing–3 years program (Baptist School of Allied Health Science)-(American School).

Employment History:

1996-present: Lecturer in Faculty of Nursing at the Islamic University of Gaza.

2012-Now: Consultant at AlNour Cultural Educational Center.

2007-2008: Consultant at World Vision-Gaza (Mental health of children).

2002-2005: Lecturer at Al-Quds Open University.

1997-2002: Head of training department in Faculty of Nursing at the Islamic University of Gaza.

2000-2001: Head of health professions in Community College of Applied Science and Technology (The Islamic University).

1991-1997: Staff Nurse, Medical-Surgical, OR, CCU, Emergency Wards (at Ahli Arab Hospital).

Subject of Teaching

Psychology for Nurses, Psychiatric Nursing, Family and Community Health Nursing, Mental Health, Health Education, Disabled Persons and Community, Vocational and Social Rehabilitation, Guidance and Counseling, Psychiatric Disorders, Physiological Psychology, Psychology of Persons with Special Needs, Fundamental Nursing, Health Assessment.

Languages:

Native Tongue: Arabic

Second language: English (All studies were in English and my lectures are in English)

Third: French

Publications:

1. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2013). Occupational stress among Palestinian ICU doctors (in review process).
2. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2013). Relationship between addiction on internet and psychological morbidity among nursing students at the Islamic University of Gaza (in review process).
3. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2013). Gaza nurses after war: are they traumatized? Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences Journal (in press).
4. Zachariae, Robert; **Alhajjar, Bashir**; Anders, Bonde Jensen; Maja, O'Connor; Mimi, Mehlsen (2013). Post-traumatic stress (PTS) symptoms related to previous traumatic events are associated with more severe cancer-related PTS in Palestinian, but not Danish women with breast cancer (in review process).
5. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Abu Daff, Mahmoud (2013). Evaluation of nursing education environment in the Faculty of Nursing, Islamic university of Gaza, Journal of Islamic University (Series of Humanitarian Studies); 21 (1): 619-630.
6. **Alhajjar, Bashir**; Alhajjar, Munir and Alhajjar, Eman (2012). Burnout and self-esteem among social workers in Gaza-Palestine, Journal of AlAzhar University (Humanities); 14 (1): 21-34.
7. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Abu Izhaq, Sami (2007). Adjustment among women with breast cancer in Gaza governorates and its relationship with religious commitment and other variables, Journal of Islamic University (Series of Humanitarian Studies); 15 (1): 561-592.
8. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Dokhan, Nabil (2006). Stress among the Islamic University students and its relationship with psychological hardness, Journal of Islamic University of Gaza (Series of Humanitarian Studies); 14 (2): 269-298.

9. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Rodwan, AbdelKareem (2006). Tendency toward religiousness among the Islamic University students, *Journal of Islamic University of Gaza (Series of Humanitarian Studies)*; 14 (1): 269-289.
10. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2005). Depression among women with breast cancer in Gaza governorates, *Journal of Islamic University (Series of Humanitarian Studies)*; 13 (2): 21-36.
11. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Rodwan, AbdelKareem (2005). Guilty feeling among Islamic university students and its relation with their religious commitment, *Journal of Islamic University of Gaza (Series of Islamic Studies-Special Issue)*; 647-672.
12. The human rights of Palestinians with disabilities in Palestinian law and the international standards.

Conferences:

1. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2013). Gaza nurses after war: are they traumatized? 4th World Conference on Psychology, Counseling and Guidance, (WCPCG-2013), 24-26 May, Istanbul, Turkey.
2. Zachariae, Robert; **Alhajjar, Bashir**; Jensen, Anders; O'Connor, Maja; Mehlsen, Mimi (2012). Post-traumatic stress (PTS) symptoms related to previous traumatic events are associated with more severe cancer-related PTS in Palestinian, but not Danish women with breast cancer, COSA 39th Annual Scientific Meeting And IPOS 14th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, 13-15 Nov, Brisbane, Australia, *Asia-Pac J Clin Oncol*; 8 (Suppl. 3): 190.
3. Johannsen, Maja; Mehlsen, Mimi; O'Connor, Maja; **Alhajjar, Bashir**; Jensen, Anders; Zachariae, Robert (2012). Centrality of event and cancer-related posttraumatic symptoms: An explorative analysis in Danish and Palestinian breast cancer patients, COSA 39th Annual Scientific Meeting And IPOS 14th World Congress Of Psycho-Oncology, 13-15 Nov, Brisbane, Australia, *Asia-Pac J Clin Oncol*; 8 (Suppl. 3): 204.
4. Pedersen, Heidi; **Alhajjar, Bashir**; Pargament, Kenneth; O'Connor, Maja; Mehlsen, Mimi; Zachariae, Robert (2011). Religious coping and cancer-related post-traumatic distress among Palestinian breast cancer patients in the Gaza Strip, Abstracts of the IPOS 13th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology: Integrating the Psycho-social Domain into Routine Cancer Care: Bridging Continents and Cultures for Global Cancer Support; 16-20 Oct, Antalya, Turkey, *Psycho-Oncology*, 20 (Suppl. 2): 48-49.
5. Zachariae, Robert; **Alhajjar, Bashir**; O'Connor, Maja; Mehlsen, Mimi (2011). Cancer-related post-traumatic stress symptoms of Palestinian breast cancer patients and survivors from the Gaza Strip - Associations with non-cancer traumatic events and centrality of event, Abstracts of the IPOS 13th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology: Integrating the Psycho-social Domain

into Routine Cancer Care: Bridging Continents and Cultures for Global Cancer Support; 16-20 Oct, Antalya, Turkey, *Psycho-Oncology*, 20 (Suppl. 2): 150-150.

6. Mehlsen, Mimi; **Alhajjar, Bashir**; Bohn, Annette; Frolund, Heidi; O'Connor, Maja; Zacharia, Robert (2011). "Cancer much before I expected": The influence of life script expectations on post-traumatic stress symptoms and religious coping in breast cancer patients, Abstracts of the 13th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology: Integrating the Psycho-social Domain into Routine Cancer Care: Bridging Continents and Cultures for Global Cancer Support; 16-20 Oct, Antalya, Turkey, *Psycho-Oncology*; 20 (Suppl. 2): 45-46.
7. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2010). Effectiveness of counseling program in managing stress among college students with movement disability in Gaza, World Conference on Psychology, Counseling and Guidance; 21-25 Apr; Antalya-Turkey.
8. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2008). Marital adjustment among infertile women in North Gaza-Palestine, 3rd International Congress on Women's Mental Health, 16-20 March, Melbourne, Australia.
9. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2008). Needs of families of children with disabilities in Gaza-Palestine, 2nd International Conference of Special Education, 18-20 June, Marmaris, Turkey.
10. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2008). Psychological security among ambulance nurses in Gaza-Palestine, 1st Biennial International Evidence-Based Nursing Conference, 25-28 June, Kuching, Malaysia.
11. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2007). Religious commitment and adjustment among women with breast cancer in Gaza-Palestine, Tehran 2nd Congress on Mental Health and Religion, 21-23 April, Tehran, Iran.
12. **Alhajjar, Bashir** (2007). Hypochondriasis among nursing students in Islamic University of Gaza, International Nursing Conference (Nursing between Theory and Practice), 24-25 April, The Islamic University of Gaza, Faculty of Nursing.
13. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Abu Ma'la Taleb (2007). Social skills and self-efficacy and their relations with attitudes toward nursing profession among nursing students, International Nursing Conference (Nursing between Theory and Practice), 24-25 April, The Islamic University of Gaza, Faculty of Nursing.
14. **Alhajjar, Bashir** and Rodwan AbdelKareem (2005). Guilty feeling among Islamic university students and its relation with their religious commitment, Conference of Adda'wa and Era Changes, 16-17 April, Islamic University of Gaza. *Journal of Islamic University of Gaza (Series of Islamic Studies-Special Issue)*; 647-672.

Current projects:

1. Development of an International Scale of Religiosity: A cross cultural approach
2. Unmet needs for family planning in State of Palestine.

Books:

1. Psychology of persons with special needs.
2. Psychiatric nursing.
3. Psychology for nurses.

Membership:

Reviewer of academic programs belongs to the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission (AQAC) at Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education.