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## PERSONAL PROFILE

A mature, energetic, focus-driven, results—oriented and passionate individual with a clear vision. I am committed to personal and professional development, achieving excellence at every undertaking and ultimately making a positive difference to society, with particular interest in the field of education.

## EDUCATION

August 2010— October 2012      Masters in Education Degree with a Concentration in Youth Guidance, **The University of West Indies**, St. Augustine, 2012

July 2009— October 2010      Postgraduate Diploma in Education—Teaching of Social Studies, **The University of West Indies**, St. Augustine, 2010

August 1998— October 2001      Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Business Accounting, **University of Lincoln**, 2001

September 1993— October 1996      Accounting Technician Diploma, **San Fernando Technical Institute**, 1996

- Applied for M.phil/Ph.D programme in Education with University of West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

## RESEARCH PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

### GRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECT:

A Phenomenological study investigating the effects of parental bereavement on students at a Secondary school in deep south.

### THE TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES—CURRICULUM STUDY:

Cohesion is a must— the use of STAD method of cooperative learning to a group of form four business students

### INFORMATION BOOTH ON LEARNING DISABILITIES

School of Education Open Day, 2011

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

October 2012      **Masters in Education Degree with a Concentration in Youth Guidance**

*Courses Pursued and Passed*

Fundamentals of Education Research I & II

Education and Development of Social Competencies

Youth Development

Health and Family Life Education

Diagnosis and Counseling

Career Development

Introduction to Special Education

Graduate Research Seminars

Research Project Report

August 2010      **Postgraduate Diploma in Education—**

**Teaching of Social Studies**

*Courses Pursued and Passed*

Foundation of Education

Project in the Theory of Education

The Teaching of Social Studies

The Practice of Education

October 2001      **Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Business Accounting**

*Courses Pursued and Passed*


Introduction to Financial Accounting

Introduction to Information Technology

Legal Framework

Business Environment

Introduction to Management Accounting



Quantitative Techniques  
Audit and Company Law  
Financial Analysis  
Management Accounting  
Business Organisational Analysis  
Computers in Business Accounting  
Intro. To Taxation  
Advanced Auditing  
Advanced Management Accounting  
Financial Management  
Financial Reporting  
Management Science Application  
Advanced Taxation

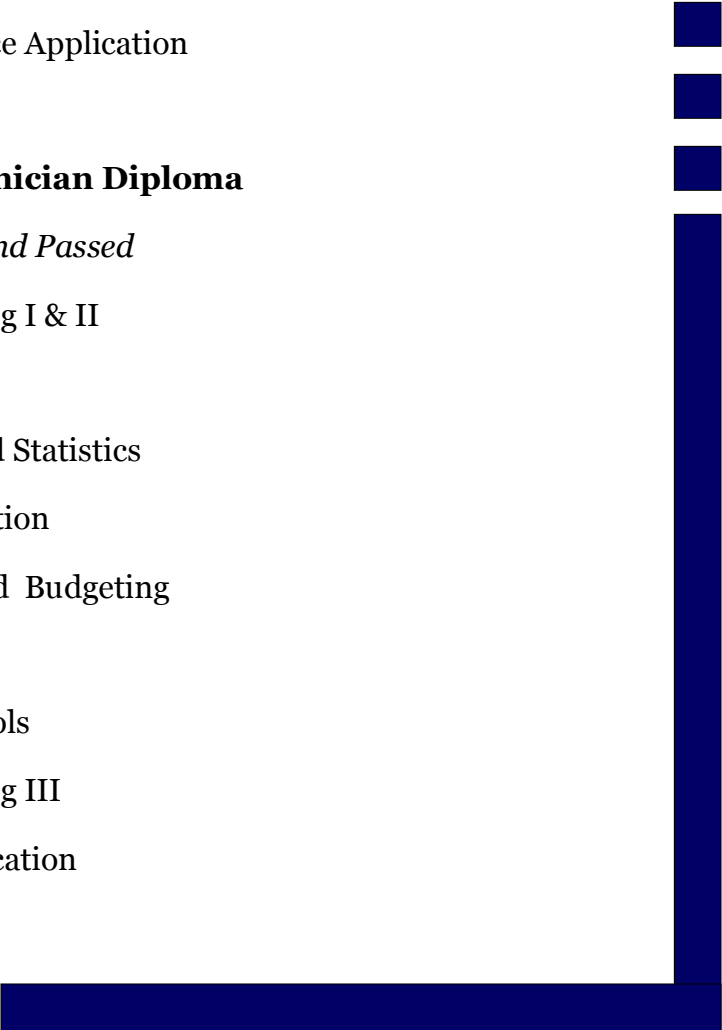


December 1996

**Accounting Technician Diploma**

*Courses Pursued and Passed*

Financial Accounting I & II  
Business Law  
Data Processing and Statistics  
Economic Organisation  
Cost Accounting and Budgeting  
Taxation  
Auditing and Controls  
Financial Accounting III  
Business Communication



**PARA—PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

September 2013	<b>University of the West Indies</b> —Overview of Assessment and Assessment practices—Purposes and use of a variety of Methods Using Blogs in Teaching and Learning workshop
October 2013	Blended Learning workshop
October 2012	<b>Ministry of Education—St Patrick Division with UWI School of Education</b> HOD workshop—Curriculum Planning
December 2010	Certificate <b>National Energy Skills Center and Ministry of Education</b> Infusion of Information and Communication Technology in School Administration
July 2010	Certificate <b>Ministry of Education</b> Professional Development Workshop for Teachers HOD’s— Clinical Supervision
June 2009	<b>National Training Agency</b> Assessed CVQ Internal Verifier
Sept 2005	Certificate <b>Human Services Institute</b> Conflict Resolution, Anger Management and Positive Discipline
May 2005	Certificate <b>Bordercom International</b> Microsoft Office Specialist
June 2003	Certificate Institute of Tertiary Tutors

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:**

- 2007—present      Point Fortin West Secondary School  
Head of Department—Business  
Subjects: CXC- CSEC Principles of Accounts, Principles of Business, Office Administration.
- 2006-2007      Gasparillo Composite  
Subjects: CXC— CSEC Principles of Accounts, Principles of Business
- 2004—2006      Toco Composite  
Subjects: CAPE Accounting—Unit one and two, CSEC Principles of Accounts, Lower School Business Skills
- 2003—2004      Waterloo High School—CSEC Principles of Accounts, Principles of Business

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### **TEACHING/ LECTURERING EXPERIENCE—PRIVATE**

- 2013—present      University of West Indies—School of Education  
Postgraduate Diploma in Education— Supervision of Business teachers and Tutor for Foundation in Education and Theory of Education.  
Undergraduate Degree in Education—Cultural Diversity, Citizenship and Schooling— lecturer  
Masters in Education— Final Project supervision
- 2012      University of West Indies—School of Education  
Postgraduate Diploma in Education  
Foundations Tutor (part -time)
- 2002—2004      CLR James Educational Institute

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**2003 Cliffs Drilling Trinidad Offshore Company**

Internal Audit

1993-1994 **Trimar Ltd**

Finance Dept.

1992—1994 **Vemco Ltd**

Merchandiser

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**ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITY:**

Participant in Gender mainstreaming Workshop - Commonwealth of Learning

Established and conducted an Inter School Christian Fellowship Group

Served on the event management team - Waterloo High School

Launched and coordinated a self awareness program for Form One students—Toco Composite

Started and conducted a Theatre Arts Club

Served on the Achievement and Graduation Committees—Gasparillo Composite School

Coordinated students participation in the RBTT Young Leaders program 2008, school placed in the top 5

Reestablished an active working House System— organizing Spelling Bee Competitions, House Week, Know your country quiz, Suduko Competition etc.

Established an Achievement Day Committee, and spearheaded the planning and coordination of Annual Achievement Days

Inter—department workshop on Writing Instructional Objectives, Lesson planning and Unit Planning

Served on School Based Management Team , Curriculum Development Team & Senior Staff

Implemented a standard Record and Evaluation Book and an electronic scheme of work template for use by all departments

Coordinated and presented an examination preparation workshop for students, initiated SBA workshops with teachers and conducted SBA presentations with both parents and students

Created and supervised a stationery store which is operated by the CSEC Business class

Created an Entrepreneurship Program for form 3 students

Coordinated the Health and Family Life Education Program - Point Fortin West Secondary

CXC Assistant Examiner— Principles of Accounts and Business

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#### **OTHER AFFILIATIONS:**

- 1995– PRESENT     Coordinating Committee for Planning and Training of Inter School Christian Fellowship Summer Camps
- 2010– 2012         Board of Directors—First National Credit Union
- 2012— PRESENT   Tutor— Kingdom Life Academy—Course: People and Culture

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#### **REFERENCES:**

**Dr. Samuel Lochan**

Lecturer in Business Studies—School of Education UWI

**Ms. Rosana Ramnath**

Retired Principal

Point Fortin West Secondary

868– 677-5345

**Mr. Kamal Abdool**

Vice Principal (Retired)

Point Fortin West Secondary

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