

EDNA ZAFRIR

Accessibility Consultant, Didactic Diagnostician and Career Consultant for Adults

Personal Details

Name: Edna Zafirir

Formal Education

2015- PhD studies Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences Babeş-Bolyai
University, Cluj-Napoca

Title of dissertation: Environmental and Personal Factors Affecting the Transition of
Students with Disabilities from Teachers College to Teaching in Practice

Name of Advisor: Professor Dr. Nicolae Cristian Stan

- 2008-2009 Career Development Counseling Program, Tel Aviv University
- 2003-2005 Multi-disciplinary Accommodations for Adults with Learning
Disabilities, Beit Berl College (Two-year certification program)
- 2001-2002 MA Educational Counseling and Applied Psychology. Northeastern
University, Boston, USA
- 1995-1997 Didactic assessment certificate, Nitzan – The Israel Association for
Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities
- 1995-1996 Teaching certificate – Special Needs Education, Beit Berl College
- 1982-1984 BA Educational Counseling and Criminology, Bar Ilan University

Training Courses

- 2010-2011 NLP, Mofet Institute, College Instructors Training
- 2006-2007 Coaching Children with Learning Disabilities, Nitzan
- 2003-2004 Didactic Assessment Trainers, Nitzan
- 2003-2004 Learning Disabilities Assessor Training, Ministry of Education,
Learning Disabilities Division
- 1998-1999 Mediators in the Education System, Bar Ilan University
- 1994-1995 Learning Strategies (annual course), Nitzan
- 1987-1988 Didactic Assessment Certification Course, Hampstead Dyslexia
Clinic, London, UK
- 1985-1986 Education including Parent Group Facilitation, Academic Retraining
College, Givata'im

Work Experience

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2018-to present- Director of the Support Center and Accessibility coordinator for students with disabilities, Ono Academic College

2003-2018 Student Support Center, Director and Counselor, Achva Academic College, Israel

This role entails counseling and supporting students with learning disabilities and other disabilities; professional management of the staff of coordinators and mentors; counseling to students to improve learning skills

In the capacity of this role, I direct the staff of the Dean of Students' Office, which included an Accessibility Coordinator, Assistive Technologies Coordinator, Learning Assistance Coordinators, and Student Mentors, I also conduct student workshops on a regular basis and developed student support services for the College.

2003-2010 Lecturer on Learning Disabilities, Afik College, Teacher Training College

2002-2004 Counselor and Assessor of Learning Disabilities, Naamat Technological High School, Petah Tikva.

In my role, I assessed and advised pupils with learning disabilities, counseled members of the teaching staff individually or in groups, taught pupils learning strategies, developed individual work programs for pupils, and coordinated the relevant stakeholders in the school.

2001-2002 Counselor and Assessor of Learning Disabilities, Or Yehuda Municipal Treatment Center and Nitzan (Yehud office)

1998-2001 Educational Counselor, Bnei Atarot Community School, Bnei Atarot

1995-1998 Special Needs Teacher, Maaleh Savyonim, Or Yehuda

Membership in Professional Associations

2003-to present Member of the Forum on drafting the Bill of Rights for Students with Learning Disabilities in Post-Secondary Institutions and drafting a Code of Ethics for Student Support Centers.

Member of the Forum of Directors of Student Support Centers in Higher Education, Mofet Institute.

Member of National Insurance Institute project on Increasing Educational Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities

Awards

2010- Certificate of Appreciation from Achva Academic College President, Prof. Yossi Zelgov for the contribution of developing the Support Center for students with learning disabilities.

Conference Presentations followed by Published Proceedings

Zafir. E., (2016 Attitudes towards students with disabilities, is there any change
Journal of the European proceeding of social & behavioral sciences ERD2016

Zafir. E., (2017) More than a ramp: Is the academy accessible?

Journal of the European proceeding of social & behavioral sciences ERD2017 (in
print

Zafir. E., (2018) Attitudes towards the chances of success of students with
disabilities

Journal of the European proceeding of social & behavioral sciences ERD 2018 (in
print)