

As the current academic head of the Division of Academic and Research at Kisii University in Kenya I have strived to provide a self-interested motivation for writing and publishing among our academic fraternity. This is from the position that academic publishing has to play a central role in supporting researchers to advance knowledge and scholarly output. I thus have worked with Dr. David Wafula Wakoli in his academic pursuits at Kisii University in this role. Dr. Wakoli and Dr. Areba George (Dean School of Education) are qualified educationist with a PhD, M.Ed and B.Ed and they have continued to demonstrate scholarly effort as writers in curriculum studies and have importantly developed a personal navigation system in writing.

Publishing is not only about learning or knowledge and such publications are desirous for authors' personal prestige and continuing employment, the prestige of their department and the university. Reading this book in Special-needs education book, I sense the same zeal Dr. Wakoli and Dr. Areba exhibits in their teaching role. This book - Rudiments of Inclusive Education has a focus on inclusive education and as an academic output it will make additional contribution to scholars and practitioners in the area of special needs education. The book offers a discernment on basic knowledge about Special Education in a broad Education setting. It is intended for the capacity building of practitioners either as Tutors of ECDE and primary, diploma and degree teacher education, teachers in special need education and students in colleges and universities and all enrolled in adult and distance education programmes. The book affords information on definition of terms and concepts of special needs education, history of special education and children with special needs. It provides categories of exceptionality development, disadvantaged and advantaged children, screening procedures and behavioural disorder problems. It further gives an indication of assessment and placement, special education Teacher policies, current trends and additional facets touching inclusive education.

This book - Rudiments of Inclusive Education will thus be useful in in the area of special needs education especially now within the framework of efforts to revitalize our education curriculum.

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