JOSHUA AGYEKUM

Early Childhood Educator | TEFL Certified | M.Ed. Education Technology

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Languages: English (Fluent), Norwegian (B1-B2), Mandarin (Basic)

Portfolio Website: https://kofijoo.github.io/teaching.github.io/

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated Early Childhood Educator with M.Ed. in Education Technology and 5+ years of international teaching experience. Award-winning teacher with proven expertise in kindergarten education, STEM learning, and multilingual instruction. Currently based in Oslo, Norway with permanent residence and Norwegian language proficiency (B1-B2). Specialized in play-based learning, educational technology integration, and supporting diverse learners in multicultural environments.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS FOR NORWEGIAN POSITIONS

- ✓ Norwegian Language Certified (B1-B2) Official Kompetanse Norge Results
- ✓ 3+ Years Living & Working in Norway Cultural Integration Complete
- ✓ Kindergarten Experience Direct experience with young children (ages 2–6)
- ✓ TEFL Certified (120 hours, High Distinction) Multilingual instruction
- ✓ Award-Winning Teacher Best Teacher Award 2019
- ✓ Master's Degree in Education Technology Advanced pedagogical skills
- ✓ Valid Work Permit Ready to start immediately

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NO OPERATIONS ASSOCIATE (Part-Time) | 2024–2025

Wolt Market Center, Oslo, Norway

• Delivered high-quality service to diverse Norwegian customer base

KINDERGARTEN FACILITATOR | 2021-2022

First Talk EduCare, Changxing, China

- Teaching English with Jolly Phonics methodology to young children
- Developed age-appropriate learning activities for kindergarten students

STEM EDUCATOR | 2020-2021

ALO7 Education, Ningbo, China

- Designed interactive STEM lessons using digital tools and virtual classrooms
- Taught international students with varied learning needs and backgrounds

PART-TIME TUTOR | 2018-2019

Brainhill International School, Ghana

- BEST TEACHER AWARD (2019) for excellence in early primary teaching
- Taught all core subjects to Basic 3 pupils with comprehensive approach

TEACHING ASSISTANT | 2018-2019

Kaneshie Awudome JHS, Ghana

- Supported classroom management and daily instructional activities
- Participated in educational research and documentation projects

MATH & SCIENCE TUTOR | 2013-2014

Global Access Academy, Ghana

- Chaired Academic Board and led staff recruitment initiatives
- Taught STEM subjects to primary students with engaging methodologies

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

M.Ed. EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY | 2019-2022

Huzhou University, China

- Thesis: Successfully defended master's thesis in Education Technology
- Verification: https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlrz/bgcx.jsp?v=12846877-223-F82B0102

♦ MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | 2022–2024

Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Norway

• Courses: Economy, R Programming & Research Methods

♦ B.Ed. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (First Class Honours) | 2014–2018

University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

- Research: Use of manipulative tools to improve basic arithmetic
- Awards: Best Graduating Student, Dean's Award of Excellence, Top 5 Student

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

NO KOMPETANSE NORGE - OFFICIAL RESULTS (May 2025)

- Listening (Lytteforståelse): B2
- Reading (Leseforståelse): B1
- Writing (Skriftlig framstilling): B1
- Speaking (Muntlig): B1

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CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TEFL CERTIFICATION (120 Hours) - High Distinction

TEFL Professional Development Institute

Certificate Number: 5259294PE

Coverage: ESL methods, classroom management, learner diversity

Workshops & Conferences:

- Ghana National Montessori Conference
- Jolly Phonics Training
- Africa's Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs Summit
- Student Leadership Workshop

CORE COMPETENCIES FOR NORWEGIAN EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

- Play-based learning methodologies
- Kindergarten classroom management
- Child observation and assessment

Inclusive education strategies

Language & Communication

- TEFL Certified (120 hours, High Distinction)
- Norwegian B1-B2 (Official certification)
- Jolly Phonics methodology
- Multilingual instruction

Educational Technology

- M.Ed. Education Technology
- Digital learning tools and platforms
- Interactive STEM content creation
- Virtual classroom management

Norwegian Education Values

- Outdoor learning appreciation
- Democratic participation in learning
- Holistic child development
- Multilingual support for diverse backgrounds

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED RESEARCH (2021)

International Journal of Management Sciences and Business Research

- Natural Science & Real Life Learning Lead Author
 https://www.ijmsbr.com/publications-of-ijmsbr/article/1737/#abstract
- STEAM Education Model Sole Author https://www.ijmsbr.com/publications-of-ijmsbr/article/1728/#abstract
- Classroom Management & Student Well-being Co-Author
 https://www.ijmsbr.com/publications-of-ijmsbr/article/1680/#abstract

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Child-Centered Learning Approach:

• Play-Based Learning: Utilizing play as the primary vehicle for learning and

development

- Inclusive Education: Supporting all children regardless of background or learning needs
- Cultural Sensitivity: Respecting and incorporating diverse cultural perspectives
- Technology Integration: Using educational technology to enhance learning experiences

Norwegian Education Values:

- Outdoor Learning: Appreciation for nature-based education and outdoor activities
- Democratic Participation: Encouraging children's voice and participation in learning
- Holistic Development: Focus on social, emotional, and cognitive growth
- Multilingual Support: Supporting children from diverse linguistic backgrounds

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 🔀 Best Teacher Award (2019) Brainhill International School
- * First Class Honours Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)
- ↑ Top 5 Student Out of 240 students in education cohort
- 🏅 Dean's Award of Excellence University of Education, Winneba
- Multiple Certificates of Honour Leadership and service

AVAILABILITY & WORK STATUS

- ✓ Immediate Availability Ready to start position
- Permanent Residence in Norway No visa requirements
- ✓ Valid Work Permit Full authorization to work