**Biography of the Author**

**Professor (Mrs.) Osa-EdohIzehiuwaGloria** is a Professor of Guidance and Counselling Psychology. She lectures Guidance and Counselling at the Undergraduate, Masters and Ph.D. levels. She was born on the 1st of November, 1954 in Benin City then Bendel State to the family of Late Mr. Samuel EhigieObasuyi and Late Princess Sylvia Obasuyi. Professor Izehiuwa Gloria Osa-Edoh is a great grand-daughter to Oba Eweka II. Prof. (Mrs.)Osa-Edoh Gloria shares the same great grand-father with the present Oba Ewuare the II, the Ogidigan of Benin Kingdom. Prof. (Mrs.) Osa-Edoh Gloria’s grandmother, Late Princess EboseEweka was the second daughter to Oba Eweka II.

Prof. Izehiuwa Gloria Osa-Edoh was the first female lecturer with a Ph.D. degree at the College of Education, Ekiadolorbetween 2001-2003. She is the second female professor to deliver her Inaugural Lecture in the newly created department of Educational Evaluation and Counselling Psychology. Prof. Izehiuwa Gloria Osa-Edoh has been teaching and researching in Abnormal Psychology, Youth and Crime. Her primary research area focuses on Substance Abuse, Crime and Criminology with much emphasis on the draconic effect. Other areas of research include People with disability and their place in the Society, Behavioural Problems and Therapeutic Measures, Reading improvement as well as Anxiety and Test Performance. She has over forty articles, conference papers, seminar presentations and a contributing author to several textbooks. She is a holder of B.Ed. degree, Adult Education, M.Ed. degree in Guidance and Counselling, University of Benin respectively and a Ph.D. degree in Guidance and Counselling, Delta State University, Abraka, 2002.

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