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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Education 2023
Gwynedd Mercy University

MAELT (Masters in English Language Teaching) 2007
Dept. of English Language and Applied Linguistics Reading
University

TESOL LCTL Diploma 1998
Trinity College London

CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Certificate of English (Western New Mexico University) 2020
TESOL Teacher Training (University of Melbourne) TESOL
Training (International English Institute)

PROFESSIONAL PUBLISHED MATERIALS

Najafi, K. and Fettig, C. (2014). *Pathways Foundations: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking*. Boston, MA: National Geographic Learning. Print

Najafi, Kathy. (2006). *Process Technology*. Waco, TX: Texas State Technical College Waco.

Najafi, Kathy. (2007). *Introduction to Machining Technology*. Waco, TX: Texas State Technical College Waco.

Najafi, Kathy. (2009). *Introduction to Refrigeration*. Houston, TX: Houston Community

College. Najafi, Kathy. (2009). *Introduction to Cosmetology*. Houston, TX: Houston

Community College.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2020 National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi Chapter Honor
2016 - 2018 ESOL/English Interdisciplinary Symposium Organizer
2016 HCC Exemplary Service Award Support of Student Engagement Strategies,
Innovation Symposium

2012-2013	Host, Creator & Co-producer of HCCTV <i>Food without Borders</i>
2010-2012	Host, Creator & Co-producer of HCCTV <i>Bridging Culture s</i>
2011	Gold Ava Award for <i>Bridging Cultures</i>
2009-2010	TexTESOL IV Past President
2008-2009	TexTESOL IV President
2005-2006	TexTESOL IV Conference Chair
2005-2015	TexTESOL Board Member
1995	Certificate of Recognition, Dubai Ministry of Education

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Najafi, K. (2021). "Strategies to Ensuring Educational Equity Within the Classroom". Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2019). "Academic ESL and the Corequisite Model: Good Fit or Crisis?" TESOL National Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Najafi, K. (2019). "Academic ESL and the Corequisite Model: Good Fit or Crisis?". San Jacinto College, Houston, TX

Najafi, K. (2018). "Working with New English Language Learners Across the Divisions: Unlocking the Potential". Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2018). "Reading & Writing Learning Styles Across Cultures". Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2016). "Diversity within the Classroom". Faculty Awards & Student Engagement Innovation Symposium, Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2014). "TEDTalks a Great Writing Tool". University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2013). "Creating Listening, Speaking, Writing and Critical Thinking Lessons with TEDTalks". University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2013). "Using Online Tools to Address Multiliteracies in ESL/Developmental English". Houston Community College, Houston, TX. Najafi, K. (2012). "Valuing Diversity & Teaching Adults in a Multicultural Classroom". Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2009). "Plagiarism: How Serious is It?". Houston Community College, Houston, TX

Najafi, K. (2009). "Lessons in a Snap!". University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2009). "Addressing the Needs of ESOL Learners". Professional Development for VESL Instructors. Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2009). "Technology: Tools of the Trade". Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2008). "Add Zing to Your Classes". TextESOL State Conference, Dallas, TX.

Najafi, K. (2007). "Assessments Made Easy". TextESOL IV Regional Conference, Houston, TX.

Najafi, K. (2006). "The Importance of Understanding Where Our Students Come From". Cy-Fair College, Cypress, TX.

Najafi, K. (2005). "Teaching in a Multi-Cultural Classroom". TextESOL IV Regional Conference, Houston TX.

Najafi, K. (2005). Have Fun With Your Syllabus! TextESOL IV Regional Conference, Houston, TX.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Houston Community College

2015-2019 ESL Program Coordinator, Intensive English Dept

2019-present English Composition I

2017-present Integrated Reading & Writing for ENGL

2005-present ESOL Adv-Intermediate/Advanced Reading, Writing, Grammar & Conversation

Lone Star CyFair College

2005-2008 ESOL Adv-Intermediate/Advanced Reading, Writing, Grammar & Conversation

Language and Culture Center, University of Houston

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced Reading

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced Writing

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced Grammar

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced Conversation

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced-Intermediate Reading

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced-Intermediate Writing

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced-Intermediate Grammar

2007-2015 ESOL Advanced-Intermediate Conversation

Lone Star Kingwood College

2004-2004 ESOL Advanced Writing

Red Rocks Community College

2003-2004 ESL Intermediate Reading
2003-2004 ESL Intermediate Writing
2003-2004 ESL Intermediate Grammar

Dubai National School

1993-2002 English Grades 7-12

SERVICE TO PROFESSION/ HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Faculty Senate Student Success Standing Committee, Chair	2018-2021
Professional Development Steering Committee	2018-2019
Co-chair of Core Curriculum Committee	2017-2018
Core Curriculum Council	2018-2019
Faculty Senate	2017-Present
Faculty Senate Educational Affairs	2017-2018
Assessment & Evaluation Committee	2017-2018
Syllabus Revision Group	2017-2018
Diversity & Inclusion Committee	2014-2016
ASPIRE (Asian Scholarship Program Inspiring Results & Excellence)	2014-2016

SELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBER/ HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development	2017-2018
TexTESOL Regional Association	2005-2017
TESOL Arabia Association	1996-2000
TESOL International Association	2008-2019

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTERESTS/EXPERTISE

Materials Development (Writing & Editing)
Cross-Cultural Awareness/ Intercultural Communication

SECOND LANGUAGE: Fluent in Persian/Farsi
