

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal Information:

Family name: BEKIROGULLARI
First names: Zafer
Date of birth: 09/06/1979
Nationality: Cypriot (EU Citizen)

2. Education:

Institution (Date from - Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained
The Near East University (2003 - 2008)	PhD - Counselling Psychology – High Honour Level
The Near East University (2001 - 2003)	M.Ed - Counselling Psychology – High Honour Level
Teacher's Training Academy (1996 - 2000)	Preschool & Primary School Teacher Degree – Honour Level

3. Language skills: Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Turkish	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
German	5	5	5
Greek	5	5	5

4. Membership of professional bodies:

- Canadian Psychological Association (**CPA**) Membership Number: 28591
Divisional Membership: Counselling Psychology; Clinical Psychology
- The European Association of Counselling Psychology (**EACP**) Full Membership Number: 130
- Academic Member, Athens Institute for Education and Research; Psychology Research Unit & Education Research Unit
- Social Affairs Coordinator, Cyprus Turkish Mental Health Association Institute;
- Member, Teacher Academy Art Association;
- Member, Counselling Psychologist's Organisation North Cyprus.

5. Other skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS.

6. Present position: Counselling Psychologist / Lecturer

7. Years within the firm: Qualified as a School teacher and have spent 11 years Working in Psychological Guidance and Counselling Career since 2000

8. Key qualifications:

- Qualified as a school teacher in 2000 specialising in teaching psychology and counselling;
- Highly qualified and experienced researcher, counselling psychologist, university lecturer, and advisor with significant experience in working in the field of developmental psychology, educational psychology, education, social psychology, teacher training, child psychology, special education, and communication;
- Competent strategist capable of developing programmes and initiatives designed to enhance standards of counselling psychology training and have taken the lead in managing number of major research programmes in this area including work in education institutions;
- Significant experience of working on international and European aspects of evolving role of educational psychology and counselling in role as Founder, Director of ICEEPSY (International Conference On Education and Educational Psychology) and Chairman of the ICEEPSY 2010 Guest Editor of Elsevier ICEEPSY Proceedings; Quick to familiarise himself with the latest concepts and developments whilst demonstrating a strong commitment to personal and professional development;
- Confident communicator, both verbally and in writing, with a successful background in writing articles for publication and presentations at national and international conferences;
- Motivational and inspirational leader and coach who empowers students and colleagues to fulfil their potential.
- Researcher on USAID – UNDP funded research programmes in Cyprus 2003

9. Professional experience

Date from- Date to	Company	Position	Description
2010 – to date	ICEEPSY – International Conference on Education and Education Psychology	Founder and Director (Volunteer)	Organizer of the first international conference on Education and Educational Psychology in Cyprus (Chairman www.iceepsy.org). ICEEPSY 2010 aims to provide an opportunity for academicians, practitioners, and professionals from education and educational psychology with cross-disciplinary interests to bridge the knowledge gap, promote research esteem and the evolution of pedagogy. The ICEEPSY 2010 also aims to promote effective practices in education and educational psychology as well as collaboration among academicians, practitioners, and professionals from education and psychology fields.
2009 – 2010	Eastern Mediterranean University, Education Faculty	Lecturer	Teaching at the Department of Guidance and Counselling Psychology (Educational Psychology); Subjects thought: Child Psychology, Learning Psychology, Introduction to Psychology, Guidance and Counselling Techniques for teachers operating in primary and secondary school sector. Organizing lessons' modules: for all subjects thought: organising of the context of the classes and providing of guidance to colleagues on how to teach and evaluate. Supervising students' projects on subject such as child psychology, adolescents' psychology, communication skills, addiction treatment, sexual abuse. Publishing of academic papers on education as counselling psychologist (see list under 10); Author of a book on Child Psychology, published in Europe and co-edited the Comparative Education, Teacher Training, Education Policy, Social Inclusion and Child Psychology Volume 7.
2008 – to date	Free Lancer	Independent Psychologist / Consulting services in Companies	Therapies and Group therapies to Adolescents and families on psychological problems, issues and psychodrama to children. Analysis of business behaviour among employees. Targeted seminars to employees and managers on several companies and organizations. HR services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Position analysis - Employee reviews - Offering information or advice on special work programs, like reimbursement for continuing education or smoking cessation programs - Advertising available jobs, screening applicants, setting up interviews and helping on hiring applicants - Participating in motivational companywide events - Approving performance reviews and assessing raises or promotions
2006 – 2010	N.Cyprus Special Education Foundation	Educational Psychologist – Counselling Psychologist (Volunteer)	Organizing in-house and outside seminars, TV programs and school meetings on special needs education. Organized meetings with families whose children need special education. Advisor on new teaching methods; participated in Autscape London Meeting and other International Conferences and seminars on new methods and approaches to teach children with special needs. Organizer of the first international conference on special education in Cyprus with more than 100 participants from 20 different countries (Chairman Nicosia 2010).
2005 – 2010	The Near East University, Ataturk Education Faculty	Deputy Headmaster of Primary School Teacher Training Department	Adviser to MA students including following topics: Evaluation of attitudes toward parental counselling for parents of disabled children - Comparative information and attitude evaluation of the psychological issues of children with diabetics - Psychological problems of military service in North Cyprus - A qualitative research to find out the level of knowledge about behavioural disorders amongst families with children in the age group of 4-12. Prepared programmes and selected textbooks for students and teachers in following departments; Primary School Teacher Training Department, Counselling Psychology Department, Pre-Primary School Teacher Training Dept. Thought and prepared the teaching and evaluating process of colleagues in Developmental and Personality Psychology, Ethics on Counselling Techniques, Counselling Psychology at School Systems, Psychological Counselling Skills and Techniques, Addiction and Treatment, Classroom Management, Introduction to Education & Learning Psychology,
2003 –	American University The	Headmaster of	Manager of the programmes for 200 students (later 400) in Primary School and Secondary School Attended regularly

2005	American Future College	the College / Counselling Psychologist	teachers' classes and provided feedback on how to improve teaching standards of learning, how to use ICT, problem solving skills etc. Enhanced the profile of American College, increasing attendance from 200 to 400 students. Taught at elementary school and secondary school; taught 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th year students and taught Turkish and Mathematics to 5 th and Secondary School Classes. Developed the Guidance and Counselling Psychology Service Department at the College. Worked at the department as a counselling psychologist with students and families. Prepared numerous presentations, workshops, seminars to the families and adolescents about; addiction, studying skills, how to prove communication skills, how to solve psychological problems, what is depression, how to communicate with our parents, how to communicate with our children, what is happening in my body when I become an adolescent etc,
2000 – 2003	American University The American Future College	Vice Headmaster / Counselling Psychologist	Commencing employment as a Classroom Teacher before being personally selected for promotion to the role of Vice Headmaster.
2001 – 2006	PINK CHÂTEAU	Headmaster	Pink Château is an Alcohol, Cigarette, Drug, Gambling & Eating Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre at the Nicosia Psychiatry Centre. Psychotherapist; worked with addicted people (cigarette, alcohol, heroin, cocaine, eating, gambling) Created and implemented highly effective life skill programmes and course materials for patients.
2001 - to date	Turkish Cypriot Mental Health Organisation	Counselling Psychologist / Social Affairs Coordinator (Volunteer)	Psychotherapist - worked with numerous patients (families, children and adolescents) on school problems, communication problems, manic depression, depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, how to study, sleeping problems, school phobia, occupational therapy, motivation etc. Participated during three years and was co-author of the publication on the following Research Projects. Responsible for literature review, preparing publications for conferences and journals, collecting data, preparing and standardising the survey carried out.

10. Other relevant information (**Selected Publications**):

- Editor:* Bekirogullari, Z., "ICEEPSY 2010 Abstract Book", Cyprus, December 02–05, 2010, ISSN: 1986-3020.
- Birol, C., Bekirogullari, Z. Etc., C., Dagli, G., "Gender and Computer Anxiety, Motivation, Self Confidence, And Computer Use," Eurasian Journal of Educational Research, 34, pp. 185-189, Winter 2009, ISSN 1302-597X . (Indexed on SSCI)
- Gulsen C., Bekirogullari, Z., "Sexual Education for the Children between the Ages of 0 and 6", Comparative Education, Teacher Training, Education Policy, Social Inclusion and Child Psychology, Volume 7, Bureau for Educational Services, July 2009, Bulgaria, ISBN: 978-954-9842-14-2.
- Gokcekus, H., Birol, C., Bekirogullari, Z., Yontar, A. "Comparative Analysis of the Situation on Higher Education System in Cyprus: Cost, Benefits and Employment", Turkey's 2023 Vision Conference on University Entrance System, 16-17 April 2009, Atilim University, Turkey.
- Editor:* Bekirogullari, Z., "**Child Psychology and Developmental Psychology**", Bureau for Educational Services, 2008, ISBN: 978-954-9842-13-5.
- Editors:* Popov, N., Wolhuter, C., Leutwyler, B., Lebens, M., Ogunleye J., Bekirogullari, Z., "**Comparative Education, Teacher Training, Education Policy, Social Inclusion and Child Psychology**" Bureau for Educational Services, 2008, ISBN: 978-954-9842-14-2.
- Dagli, G., Birol, C., Bekirogullari, Z., "Nonverbal Communication Behaviours Of Students And Teachers At High School Level" Strategies for Policy in Science Education, Number 4, January 2008, Sofia, Bulgaria. Pages 331-347 ISSN 1310-0270.
- Bekirogullari, Z., Ozekmeci, A., "Comparative Information and Attitude Evaluation to the Psychological Issues of the Diabetic Children, Aimed at Intervention in Consultation" Athens Institute for Education and Research, International Conference on Psychology, July 14-17, 2008, Athens, Greece.
- Birol, C., Bekirogullari, Z., Etc., Paralik, C., Demircioglu, A., "Comparative Study on Determining How Lecturers Are Influenced by Body Language In The Interaction With Students". Fifth International Conference Comparative Education, Teacher Training and New Education Agenda Organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES) Sofia, Bulgaria, 28-31 August 2007.
- Birol, C., Bekirogullari, Z., Guldal, S., "The Effect of Education Administrators' Body Language on Lecturers (Comparative Analysis)", Education Administration Symposium, June 21-22, 2007, European Union Research and Practice Centre, Cebeci, Ankara, Turkey.
- Silman F., Bekirogullari Z., Guneyli A., "Socio economic status of university students and their stress level" 15th National Education Conference Mugla University Education Faculty 13-15 September 2006 Mugla.
- Bekirogullari, Z., "The Prevalence of Alcohol and Cigarette Using Among the Second High School Students", 1st International Cyprus Drug Addiction Symposium, 27-30 May 2004 Kyrenia, Cyprus.
- Cakıcı M., Cakıcı E., Eroglu G., Bekirogullari Z., "The Prevalence of Alcohol and Cigarette Use among the Second High School Students" 37th National Psychiatry Conference, 02-06 October 2001, Istanbul.
- "The Prevalence of Substance Use in Northern Cyprus 2003" USAID (UNDP-UNOPS)**
- "The Prevalence of Child Abuse in Northern Cyprus 2003" USAID (UNDP-UNOPS)**

Managed MA Theses:

- Comparative Information and Attitude Evaluation to the Psychological Issues of the Diabetic Children, Aimed at Intervention in Consultation
- Comparative Information and Attitude Evaluation to the Psychological Issues of the Special Education Needed Children, Aimed at Intervention in Consultation
- Psychological Problems of Military Service Members in North Cyprus

Subjects Taught:

- Developmental Psychology
- Educational Psychology (teaching, learning and developmental psychology)
- Child Psychology
- Sexual Development of Children
- Ethics on Counselling Psychology
- Psychological Counselling Techniques
- Introduction to Education
- Psychological Counselling Skills
- Teaching Methods
- Communication Skills
- Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Methods
- Introduction to Elementary Teaching
- School Experience
- Classroom Management