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**Citizenship status:** I am a Canadian permanent resident since 2017. I am originally from Syria and arrived in Canada in 2017\11\03.

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### *Professional Experience*

- 2021**                      **Canadian Red Cross: Emergency Response Team**
- Tasks:** At the request of the Canadian government, our team intervenes to long care home facility, vaccination centers and border quarantine centers during the Corona pandemic all around Canada, BC wildfire response 2021, Virtual Operations Team VOT, BC flooding 2021 response etc.
- 2016**                      **Trainer, “First Aid Principles and Secure Access and Trainer of Trainers (TOT),” United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) regional training program.**
- Tasks:** Led week-long training workshops in emergency first aid and disaster management to the general public in different locations throughout Syria.
- 2015-2016**                      **Trainer: First Aid and War Relief, Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (DERD), Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East (GOPA).**
- Tasks:** Led training workshops for 400 first aid professionals in emergency first aid and war relief; provided periodic tracking of organizations’ implementation of safety and security recommendations in post-training period.
- 2013-2015**                      **Supervisor of Logistical Office, Syrian Arab Red Crescent <http://sarc.sy/>**
- Tasks:** Coordinated and supplied psychosocial support materials with a monthly budget of \$600 000 USD for rural communities surrounding Damascus. Liquid assets available for distribution at the start of my tenure were worth \$3 000 USD; liquid assets available for distribution when I finished my tenure were \$375 000 USD.

- 2019**                      **Curator, (Re)Viewing the Syrian War: Stories from a member of the Red Crescent exhibition ‘November 28 - December 13, 2019’ at the Curating and Public Scholarship Lab at Concordia University**
- Tasks:** the exhibition challenges misconceptions about Syria and the war, with a focus on life before the war, the complexity of the conflict, the experiences of Syrian citizens, the war’s ‘false end’, and adjusting to life in Canada. [\(Re\)Viewing the Syrian War](#)
- 2019**                      **Research Assistant, Dr. Sarah Ghabrial, History Department, Concordia University**
- Tasks:** Translating complex classical Arabic legal texts into English and/or Modern Standard Arabic
- 2018-2019**                      **Researcher and Project Developer, UNESCO “Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism” project, Concordia University**  
<http://projectsomeone.ca/>
- Tasks:** Preparation of educational workshop materials and online resources to teach members of refugee and host communities in Lebanon productive social media practices aimed at peacebuilding and community development.
- 2017**                      **Research Participant, Norwegian Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.**
- Tasks:** Helped develop and peer review a course project analyzing a situation of risk faced by ambulance and emergency pre-hospital care providers. Course project will be adapted by the Norwegian Red Cross for application in various geographical contexts and courses.

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***Education and Credentials***

- 2020**                      Attestation of Vocational Specialization: Starting a Business
- 2017**                      Indigenous Canada diploma in University of Alberta
- 2014**                      Masters of Law, Damascus University. Thesis title: “The International Red Cross and Crescent and The Principles of International Humanitarian Law.”
- 2011**                      Bachelor of Law, Damascus University
- 2014**                      Certification in “Basics of Risk Management in Relief Work,” Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (DERD), Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East in Cooperation with International

Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) <https://gopaderd.org/>

- 2016** Certificate in “Training of Trainers,” The International Professional Managers Association (Kent, England): <http://ipma.co.uk/about.php>
- 2014** Certificate: Trainer of Trainers (TOT), Humanitarian Intervention Capacity Building, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
- 2016-2018** Nine months of course training “Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers” RWAQ (<http://www.rwaq.org>; an interactive online educational platform that offers high quality academic courses in Arabic for the Arab world)
- 2016-2017** Fourth-month course “Educational Strategies,” RWAQ
- 2017** Certificates in such areas as leadership training, conflict resolution, and presentation success in on-line education programs from HEC Paris, University of California-Irvine Continuing Education, and the University of Colorado
- 2016** Certificate in “Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector, Nonprofit Organizations, Nonprofit Leadership and Governance,” State University of New York. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/nonprofit-organizations#>
- Certificate in “Training of Trainers,” The International Professional Managers Association (Kent, England): <http://ipma.co.uk/about.php>

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## *Profile*

**Computer Skills:** Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe, Databases, Internet navigation. Knowledgeable in video/audio editing programs such as Camtasia.

**Languages:** Arabic: (native speaker) I am fluent in Arabic both oral and written.  
English: 5 for oral and 4 for my writing skills out of 5  
French: (beginner) I am in my learning curve for French at the moment as I moved to Canada with the sponsorship network in 2017.  
French is actually a 2 out of 5 both orally and written.

**Pedagogical:** Five years’ experience working as first aid and humanitarian aid instructor for adults  
Three years’ experience working as children’s recreational counselor Two years ‘Supervisor of Logistical Office, Syrian Arab Red Crescent

**Aptitudes:** Excellent interpersonal, leadership, and management skills  
Excellent time management and budget management practices

Excellent survival skills in emergency zone situations  
 Highly adaptable  
 Detail-oriented

## ***References***

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