Dr Raya Al Kharusi
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Doing it all
Dr Raya Al Kharusi certainly does not have much spare time.

In the last four years she has undertaken a PhD at the University of Hertfordshire whilst continuing with her role as a Lecturer in ESL and Linguistics at Arab Open University in Oman. And all whilst raising and taking care of two young children.

Career steps
Raya found her current job in 2007 by applying through a newspaper announcement for a teaching position at Arab Open University.

She undertook a rigorous selection and interviewing process and got the role.

In addition to lecturing, Raya is involved in research and academic accreditation. Once she receives her PhD certificate in a few months she is going to apply for a senior leadership role.

“I know my doctorate from the University of Hertfordshire will elevate my career to a senior executive level. A degree from a British education institution such as UH is highly regarded in Oman.”

Love Herts
Raya feels her time at the University of Hertfordshire has been immensely valuable. She has been most impressed by the organizational side of academic life at Hertfordshire, the facilities both academic and pastoral and the state of the art facility and modern campus.

“I have gained an enormous amount of knowledge and wide variety of skills throughout my four year PhD at Hertfordshire.

“Viva sessions and independent research were also immensely valuable too. I am looking forward to putting everything I have learnt into progressing my career in academia in Oman!”

Future partnerships
Raya is currently working closely with the Hertfordshire University Alumni Relations and International Recruitment Teams on enabling a closer collaboration between the University of Hertfordshire and the students of Arab Open University in Oman.

She feels sure many students at the Arab Open University would be most interested in pursuing further

“Never stop learning – knowledge has no limit! I am looking forward to putting everything I have learnt at UH into progressing my academic career in.”