

Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

2016	Doctor of Philosophy (Leadership & Building of Organizational Capacity), University College London, United Kingdom
1992	Master of Education (Administration, Planning and Social Policy), Harvard University, United States of America
1987	Diploma in Educational Administration (postgraduate), National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
1981	Diploma in Education (postgraduate), Institute of Education, National University of Singapore
1980	Bachelor of Science (Hons) - (Biochemistry), National University of Singapore

Academic and Professional Experience

2017 - Present	Adjunct Senior Fellow, National Institute of Education, NTU
2017 - 2019	Adjunct Associate Professor, Singapore University of Social Sciences
2014 - 2019	Advisor, Preschool Education, MOE and Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)
2004 - 2011	Director, Education Programmes Division (now renamed as Divisional Director), MOE
2000 - 2003	Deputy Director, Schools (East) (now renamed as Zone Director), MOE
1998 - 1999	Assistant Director, Schools, MOE
1996 - 1997	Senior Inspector of Schools, Ministry of Education (MOE)
1993 - 1995	Principal, Chua Chu Kang Secondary School
1988 - 1991	Vice-Principal, Boon Lay Secondary School, Raffles Girls' School, Swiss Cottage Secondary School
1981 - 1986	Teacher, Teck Whye Secondary School

Memberships and Professional Activities

2019	Member, National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) Board of Studies
2017 - 2018	Member, National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) Protem Steering Committee; Co-Chairperson, NIEC Protem Curriculum Committee
2015 - 2017	Chairperson, Early Childhood Curriculum Review Taskforce (ECCRT) - PSEIs
2015	Advisor, ECDA-WDA Taskforce for development of Early Childhood Skills Framework
2014 - Present	Developer & Lead Trainer of the Leadership Series for early childhood centre leaders, ECDA
1996 - 2011	Chairperson for various MOE committees for varying periods of time, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- TSLN Innovation Team on Single Session Schools- Schools division Innovation Fund Management Committee- School Naming Committee- Training for principals & vice-principals- Sabbatical Scheme for Principals- Singapore Youth Festival- Social & Emotional Learning- Education and Career Guidance- Pre-school Accreditation (SPARK)- Programme for Active Learning (PAL)- ASEAN Schools Games 2011- Co-Curricular Activities and LEAPS
2008 - 2009	Co-Chairperson, Asian Youth Games (AYG) Executive Committee
2007 - 2011	Chairperson, MOE-MCYS Pre-School Outreach Implementation Committee
2007 - 2011	Member, Inter-Ministry Committee on Disabilities
2006	Co-Chairperson, Inter-Ministry Task Force on Out of School Youths
2004 - 2011	Co-Chairperson, MOE-MCYS Pre-School Qualifications Accreditation Committee (PQAC) for EC Teacher Training Courses
2004 - 2011	Member, MOE council for partnership with community and parents (COMPASS-Community and Parents in Support of Schools)
2004 - 2011	Member, MOE Committee for Coordinating Special Education (CCSE)
2004 - 2011	Member, Singapore Sports Council
2004 - 2008	Member, Temasek Polytechnic Board of Governors
2003 - 2008	Member, National Youth Council
2003	Deputy Chairperson, Schools SARs Management Committee
2002 - 2003	Chairperson, MOE Corporate Values Taskforce
1995	Treasurer, Singapore Secondary School Principals' Association

Awards

2018	Long Service Award (35 years)
2011	National Day Award – Public Administration Award (Silver Bar)
2007	National Day Award - Long Service Medal
2001	National Day Award - Public Administration Award (Silver)
1987	Dr Ruth Wong Gold Medal (NIE)

Research Interests

- Leadership development of educators
- Organisational development
- Early childhood teacher education
- Policy development and implementation

Selected Publications

Papers/Book Chapters/Conference Presentations:

- Sum, C. W. (2019). The Evolving Early Childhood Care & Education Landscape in Singapore: Efforts to raise quality. Paper presented at the 6th Kindergarten Principals' Conference of the China National Society of Early Childhood Education, Dalian, China.
- Sum, C. W. (2019). The Evolving Professional Development Landscape for Early Childhood Teachers in Singapore. Paper presented at the OMEP Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2019, Kyoto, Japan.
- Tan, C.T., & Sum, C.W. (2018). Deliberations on the implementation of the Nurturing Early Learners Framework". Presented at the OECD International Roundtable on ECEC Curriculum Frameworks for the 21st Century, MOE Luxembourg.
- Sum, C. W., Lim, S. M.-Y., & Tan, C. T. (2018). Pragmatism in policy making: Influencing a largely privatised early childhood education and care sector in Singapore. In C. Pascal, A. Bertram, & M. Veisson (Eds.), *Pedagogic Innovations in Early Childhood Education in Cross Cultural Contexts*: Routledge Education.
- Sum, C. W. (2018). Professional Development of ECEC Practitioners in Singapore. Paper presented at the Centre for Early childhood Development, Education and Policy Research (CEDEP) International Symposium, The University of Tokyo.
- Sum, C. W. (2017). Building capacity for learning at Preschool Centres. Paper presented at the Leadership Forum on ECE: Touching Hearts and Engaging Minds, Universitas Negeri Jakarta.
- Sum, C. W. (2017). Early Childhood Leadership Development in Singapore Paper presented at the Leadership Forum on ECE: Touching Hearts and Engaging Minds, Universitas Negeri Jakarta.
- Sum, C. W. (2016). Exploring Leadership for Learning in Kindergartens: A case study of Singapore. (PhD Thesis), University College London, Embargoed for publication.
- Siraj-Blatchford, I., & Sum, C. W. (2013). Understanding and advancing systems leadership in the early years.

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