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Educational Qualifications

- 1980: Two year Pre-University Course in Commerce from the University of Kerala.
- 1983: B.Com with Cost Accounting as major from the University of Kerala.
- 1993: The Associate of the College of Preceptors (UK).
- 1997: Higher Education Diploma (post-graduate) with distinction from the University of South Africa.
- 2000: M.Phil (Master of Philosophy) in ‘Value Analysis and Policy Formulation’ from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Work Experience

- January 2004 to date: **University of Cape Town, South Africa.** Director of SHAWCO (Students Health and Welfare Centres Organisation), the largest student-run community outreach organization in South Africa.
- .January 2004 to date: Senior Warden of Rochester House, a student residence at the University, responsible for four hundred students.
- January 2005: Project on **Internationalization of SHAWCO** initiated with the and partnerships built with Emory, Arcadia, Stanford, Tulane Universities in the USA and with various other partners in Europe allowing international students to participate in SHAWCO development projects. This project has assisted in getting SHAWCO to be financially sustainable and weaned it away from dependence on donor funding.
- March 2000 to Dec 2003: **University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.** Business Manager of the WRF (Wits Rural Facility), the research and community outreach wing of the University.
- January 1990 to February 2000: Mahlale High School, South Africa. School Administrator and Head of - Department of the Department of Commerce.

Awards

- 1999: Awarded certificate by the Bushbuckridge Nature Conservation Project as the best community developer of the year.
- 2005: Awarded the runner up certificate SHWAB Foundation’s Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award for South Africa at the World Economic Forum Conference.