

## BIOGRAPHY

First name – Last name Mrs. Abigail Melad Essien

Education Bachelor's Degree in Education, Saint Paul University, Philippines, 2001

Work Position and Current Workplace

English Lecturer, Faculty of Education, Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University, Bangkok, Thailand

Experience, Academic works, Awards or significant scholarship (if any)

Mrs. Essien began his teaching career in the Philippines in 2001 as a primary school teacher and teen acting project manager for St. Paul San Ildefonso, Bulacan. She left the Philippines for Thailand to fulfill her career dream of becoming an ESL teacher. Mrs. Essien launched her ESL career in 2002 when she joined Saint Mary's College in Nakhonratchasima, Thailand as an ESL teacher. She later moved in 2004 to Marie Vittaya School in Pakchong as a high school ESL teacher. In 2006 she became a teacher at Banna Nayokpittayakorn School in Nakorn Nayok and later moved to Thanyaburi Secondary School as an ESL teacher in 2007. Mrs. Essien made a tremendous career move to join the Faculty of Education of Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University as an English Language teacher in 2011.

Currently, as an English language teacher in the English department, Faculty of Education Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University, Mrs. Essien has been actively involved in different capacities in various educational development programs aimed towards the revitalization of English teaching in Thailand. Presently, she is the English department project manager of the Annual Symposium in English Teaching. Due to her in-depth knowledge in the field of education and her special public speaking skills,

she was actively involved as a speaker in the academic service workshops entitled, "Testing and Indicators" on May 10-12, 2014 at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University, and "English Language Learning Extra-curricular Activities for Primary and Secondary School Teachers" hosted by the Office of Primary Education, Chiangrai Area 4, Thoeng, Chiangrai, Thailand on May 9-10, 2016.

Mrs. Abigail Essien's professional focus is on educators' training and specialized development; student commitment; and leadership development. She has co-accomplished and published a research entitled, "The Use of Project to Enhance Writing Skill". A research presented in WASET, Zurich, Switzerland, January, 2013. Owing to her unending desire to contribute to the development of ESL in Thailand, she has personally accomplished and published well noted researches entitled, "Effectiveness of Cooperative Learning Methodology in Improving Students' Learning Attitude towards English Language", a paper presented in the International Journal of Arts and Sciences (IJAS), Freiburg, Germany, December 2014; "Combating the English Language Deficiency: The Labor Market Experiences of Graduate Students from Suan Sunanadha Rajabhat University in Thailand", presented in International Conference on Business, Economics, Social Science, and Humanities (BESSH), Tokyo, Japan, May 2016; and "Understanding the Hindrances of ESL Students Speaking Skill Development: Implications for ESL Curriculum Development in Teacher Training Program in a Rajabhat University", which is yet to be published and presented.