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Professional Summary

Overseas College Guidance Counselor with 6+ years of international counseling and English teaching experience in Japan and Turkey. Proven track record of guiding students to top universities in the US, UK, Canada, Germany, and the Netherlands, including Ivy League acceptances with scholarships. Experience in working with a wide range of students, including student-athletes and student artists. Extensive knowledge on IB and AP applications. CELTA-certified (Pass A), with experience building programs, training staff, and leading departments. Multicultural background, fluent in English and Turkish, conversational in Japanese and German.

Key Skills

- University Admissions Counseling (US, UK, Canada, EU countries, Australia, and New Zealand)
- Application Platforms: Common App, Coalition App, UC Appl., UCAS, OUAC, Studielink, UniAssist, CIALFO
- Parent & Student Advising
- Application Essay Guidance
- Scholarship & Interview Preparation
- SAT and AP Exam Coordination
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Program Development & Leadership
- TOEFL/IELTS/EIKEN Instruction
- Workshop & Seminar Facilitation
- Communicative Language Teaching
- ELTS Pedagogy
- Lesson Planning and Curriculum Development

Professional Experience

Assessment Specialist | West Japan Cambridge Centre JP176 | Contract | December 2025-

- Completed Cambridge YLE Speaking Examiner Training (23–24 November); Examiner ID issued. Working part-time as an English speaking examiner on Saturdays and Sundays, subject to schedule.

Founder & College Guidance Counselor at OYKEN College Guidance Counselling | Self-Employed, Japan/Turkey | Part-time | Aug 2023 – Present

- Provide personalized admissions counseling for Turkish high school students applying abroad (US, UK, Canada, Germany, Netherlands).
- Coached students in essay writing, personal statements, and interview preparation.
- Achieved multiple acceptances to top global universities with scholarships.

Director of International College Counseling | TED Istanbul Koleji, Turkey | Full-time | Aug 2020 – Aug 2023

- Led the international counseling department; supervised application processes for grade 12 students.
- Designed individualized roadmaps for students applying abroad from grades 10-12.
- Supervised and mentored students through personal statements, essays, recommendation letters, and scholarship applications, ensuring authenticity, voice, and alignment with each student's profile.
- Expanded the school network by collaborating with global university representatives and organizing university fairs on campus, enabling direct information flow between university representatives, students and parents.
- Managed departmental budget and annual reports.
- Collaborated closely with school leadership, teachers, and counselors to align academic planning, well-being support, and university strategy for each student.

Achievements:

- Boosted acceptance rates (UK x3; Canada x2; US x1.5) and secured \$900,000+ in scholarships in the 2021-22 school year, a school record.
- Increased Tier 1 acceptances, including the first-ever Harvard admission with a full-ride scholarship.
- Modernized the school profile with infographics and a user-first approach, supporting school reputation for continued student success.
- Established annual teacher recommendation letter writing workshops and digitalized the recommendation letter format that made it time efficient for teachers.
- Established and led annual "Junior Meets Senior" transition events, where Grade 10 and 11 students learned directly from graduating seniors about university applications, decision-making, and managing academic and emotional challenges in their final years of high school.
- Established a mailing system that categorized the students into groups according to the country of application and informed them about upcoming deadlines, documents and so on.

High School English Teacher (TOEFL/IELTS) | Doğru Netice High School, Turkey | Full-time | 2017–2020

- Taught English grammar and literature to Grade 9 and 10 students.
- Taught TOEFL and IELTS classes to Grade 11 and 12 students. Mentored students on academic and career pathways for domestic and international universities in the USA and the Netherlands.

English Teacher | Dünya Diller Merkezi, Turkey | Part-time | 2014–2015

- Taught IELTS and TOEFL classes.
- Designed an EFL curriculum and taught English to Turkish and Ukrainian adults at the beginner and intermediate levels.

English Teacher | Paideia Independent International School (Paideia-X / E-MaX), Japan | Part-time | 2011–2013 and 2016 January–

- Taught English to Japanese kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Prepared students for their EIKEN exams.

Other Experience (2007–2016)

Copywriter & Digital Market Strategist | Blue Fox Agency/Designneuro (Turkey) | Full-time | 2015-2016

- Developed audience-targeted messaging, content, and digital campaigns for global brands like Lindt, Lotus Biscoff, and Bacardi.
- Conducted audience analysis and influencer outreach.
- Acted as a liaison between clients and creative teams and managed.
- Initiated and secured long-term business deals with global and local brands.

Curriculum Developer & Scriptwriter—Innovative Language (Japan) | Contract | 2012 – 2015

- Designed a multi-level Turkish language curriculum and produced lesson scripts and podcasts.

Education Consultant & HR Support—Vehbi Koç Foundation Sadberk Hanım Museum (Turkey) Full-time | 2007 –2009

- Contributed to staff recruitment, onboarding, and training initiatives.
- Managed intern scheduling and day-to-day coordination.
- Designed and implemented museum-based educational programs aligned with national curricula.
- Represented the institution at national and international art auctions (Sotheby's, Christie's), exercising independent judgment in acquisition decisions.

Education

- University of Tokyo (Japan), Research student in Interdisciplinary Studies (2009–2013, MEXT Scholar)
- Brandenburg Technical University (BTU) Cottbus (Germany), MA, Cultural Heritage (2005–2007, DAAD-TEV Scholar)
- Marmara University (Turkey), BA, Sociology (2001–2005) (Graduated Rank 1 in class: Summa Cum Laude) Language of Instruction: English

Certifications

- NACAC-Core Concept for College and School Counselors Certificate—2026
- Center for Adolescent Studies—Teaching Mindfulness to Teens—2025
- Child Mind Institute—The Adolescent Brain and Emotion Regulation—2024
- CELTA – Pass A, Cambridge 2022
- Guiding Students through their AP Journey, College Board 2022
- Virtual College Board Summer Inst. For Expert College Guidance Counselors, College Board 2022
- Virtual Summer Institute for International Counselors, College Board 2021
- DSH 1 German Proficiency Qualification, Leipzig University, Germany, 2005
- Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Marmara University, Turkey, 2005

Languages

- Turkish (Native)
- English (Proficient, 111/120 Toefl 2008)
- Japanese (Conversational, Working towards JLPT-N3)
- German (Intermediate, DSH-1, equivalent to B2)

Software Skills

- Microsoft Office Suite: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams
- Google Workspace: Drive, Docs, Sheets, Meet
- Zoom
- Content Management Systems (CMS)

Awards

- Ministry of Education Turkey “Outstanding Performance Award” (x2, Turkey)
- DAAD Scholarship (Germany)
- Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) Scholarship (Turkey)
- MEXT Scholarship (Japan)