

## All About Abduraoaf Sandan

I am currently in my thesis year of completing my Master's in Education. My research is focused on the implementation of a computer-based literacy program in no fee primary schools. Before stepping into education I did an undergraduate degree in science at Stellenbosch University. My friends would describe me as fun and outgoing but I am actually quite the introvert (perhaps an ambivert). I work really well with others and consider myself to be very diplomatic. Shying away from a challenge is not something I know how to do. I love being pushed out of my comfort zone and learning new things.

### Areas of Knowledge

Being trained as a teacher and then going on to further my studies has afforded me the opportunity to develop a working understanding of pedagogy and the ability to analyse it. In addition to this, I am also able to plan and construct lessons in order to achieve specific outcomes. In my previous job, I worked on developing an open-source curriculum from scratch. This included designing the lessons, sourcing content, creating assessments and workbooks and establishing a learning pathway. I also had to find a suitable LMS that would meet all our needs. Once everything was sorted I had to work on the backend of the LMS to set up everything and make sure everything went down smoothly.

A skill I randomly picked up is video editing. Somehow, whenever I had to do projects I would also end up doing videos. This often took the form of presentations or skits.

### Areas of Interest

My main interest lies in learning design, where I am able to apply the knowledge I have gained to create learning pathways that promote access and inclusivity. I also enjoy doing work in the background, so doing backend work where possible would be great. Something I also wouldn't mind doing is video editing, I am not a pro but can definitely do the basics.