

**Brief description:**

Poornima Rajendran after completing her B.Sc. B.Ed. and M.Ed. Programme from Avinashilingam University Coimbatore, pursued her M.Sc. Applied Psychology from Annamalai University and Ph.D. from Dravidian University. She has been honored with Smt. Malini Lionel Award for her academic excellence in Special Education and Rehabilitation at graduate level and secured proficiency prizes throughout her academic career. She cleared UGC-NET in the year 2009. Further, she has been awarded Young Guest and Doctoral Researchers' Annual Scholarship for Investigation and Learning (Yggdrasil) in Norway during the academic year 2011-12 for pursuing post-doctoral research on inclusive education practices in Norway. Also, she received Srinath Bhargava Memorial Award from Indian Psychometric and Educational Research Association, Patna in 2012.

She is the author of two research books in Education and also published more than thirty five papers both theoretical and empirical base on various aspects of Education, Special Education and Disability Studies in peer-reviewed journals. Also, she has presented good number of papers in National and International seminars / conferences. Apart from this, she is a RCI Registered Professional Special Educator. She worked as Project Fellow for a period of 3 years in the U.G.C. Major Research Project. Before joining in Central University of Tamil Nadu, she was working as an Assistant Professor in Education in Central University of Orissa, Koraput.

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Research areas: Special Education, Inclusive Education, Educational psychology, Professional development of student teachers, teachers and teacher educators.

Educational details:

S. No.	Name of the Degree	Year of Completion	Specialization	University
1.	Ph.D.	February 2011	Education	Dravidian University, Andhra Pradesh State
2.	M.Sc.	2009	Applied Psychology	Annamalai University
3.	M.Ed.	2007	Special Education	Avinashilingam University
4.	B.Ed.	2006	Mathematics and Special Education	Avinashilingam University
5.	B.Sc.	2005	Mathematics and Special Education	Avinashilingam University
6.	UGC-NET	2009	Education	UGC, New Delhi

Experience:

From	To	Employer Name and address	Designation
24.06.2016	Till date	Registrar, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur	Assistant Professor, Department of Education
10.10.2013	23.06.2016	Registrar, Central University of Orissa, Koraput, Odisha	Assistant Professor, School of Education & Education Technology
04.09.2012	25.09.2013	Chairman, Vivekanandha Educational Institutions, Namakkal	Assistant Professor, Krishna College of Education for Women
01.08.2011	30.06.2012	Dean of Education, University of Stavanger, Norway	Guest Researcher
07.05.2008	06.05.2011	Registrar, Dravidian University	UGC-Project Fellow

Top 5 publications:

- 1) Poornima, R. (2010). Emotional Intelligence of special education teachers of schools for mentally retarded children. *Journal of Research and Reflection on Education*, Vol. 8, No.4, Oct-Sep., Pp. 11-14, ISSN No. 0974-648X.
- 2) Poornima, R. and Reddy, G.L. (2011). Emotional intelligence and occupational stress of special education teachers : Implications for teacher preparation and professional development, *Journal of Rehabilitation Council of India-JRCI*, Vol. 7, No. 1 & 2, Jan-Dec. 2011, Pp. 22-33, ISSN No. 0973-2497.
- 3) Poornima, R. and Reddy, G.L. (2012). Emotional intelligence as a tool to enhance quality in teacher education programs. *EDU-Tracks*, Vol. 11, No.12, Pp. 3-9, ISSN No.: 0972-9844.

- 4) Reddy, G.L. and Poornima, R.(2012). Occupational stress and professional burnout of university teachers in south India. *International Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Pp. 109-124, ISSN No. 2249 3093.
- 5) Poornima, R. (2017) Teacher preparation programs for inclusive education : a review of models and approaches, In S.H. Basha and M.K. Naseerali (Ed.) *Inclusive Education: Policies and Practices* (p. 169 -95), New Delhi Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN No.:9789385503535

Awards and recognitions:

2012	Srinath Bhargava Memorial Award of Best Educational Entrepreneur 2012 by Indian Psychometric and Educational Research Association, Patna and Harprasad Institute of Behavioural Studies, Agra.
2011	Young Guest Doctoral Researchers Annual Scholarship for Investigation and Learning - Yggdrasill Fellow, Research Council of Norway
2006	B.Sc. (Smt. Malini Lionel Award for outstanding performance in B.Sc. Special Education)

Projects:

S. No.	Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Fund Received	Status
1.	Emotional intelligence and competencies of school teachers with respect to inclusive education	ICSSR, New Delhi	8 Lakhs	On going
2.	An assessment of teacher training programmes in Norway with special reference to inclusive education	Research Council of Norway, Oslo	143,000 NOK	Completed

Links to:

Nil