

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To,

**The Visa Officer,**

**The Canadian High Commission,**

**New Delhi, India.**

**Subject: Application for Canadian Study Permit.**

Sir/ Madam,

I have been offered admission in two years full-time course in Early Childhood Education Techniques (AEC/ACS) in College St-Michel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada which is scheduled to start from 24th Sep 2021. I wish to express my details, my objectives, and my future ambitions through this statement of purpose.

### **Background:**

I am, ASMA AYYUB SHAIKH, an Indian national with passport # P3134992, permanent resident of no 203, 10/11-, 3rd floor, harmony apartments 8th main BTM layout 1st stage, Bengaluru-560029, Karnataka, India.

I was born and brought up in Mumbai, India. I have come across people from diverse cultures and backgrounds, which has enriched my knowledge and broadened my mindset regarding life and society.

My father was a Civil Engineer in BMC (BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation), Mumbai and my mother is a homemaker. I have two elder siblings, my brother is an IT professional in IBM and my sister is an Assistant Scientist in ACTREC (The Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research, and Education in Cancer).

I come from a family of Educationist, wherein my paternal aunts, several cousins, and even some of my sisters-in-law, are working in the Education field teaching various subjects and courses.

I had always been intrigued about every aspect of life and nature, hence, I had loved science as a subject from my early school days. I completed my Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Bachelor of Science in Zoology.

Having identified my inherent penchant for childhood education, when my nephew started to attend kindergarten, I developed an immense interest in the field of Education and decided to continue my education further, I completed my Bachelor of Education in 2012. After which I, immediately joined as a Class teacher in Raigad Military School – Mumbai in June 2012 and continued for two full academic years and resigned in April 2014. I was handling main subjects like English, Mathematics, and Science and elective subjects like Art and craft for lower grades. I was also In-charge of extra curriculum activities of the school.

The turning point of my life was May 2014 when I got married to my soulmate (Ashif). We both were clear about our plans right from the beginning of our married life. Furthermore, I'm very blessed to have Ashif, who has been a constant support through my thick and thin and appreciated my decisions and ideas. My parents & in-laws have always inspired and motivated me to do good and better things in life.

According to an online survey, motherhood (45%) and maternity (35%) are the most common reasons for women to **take a break from their careers**. It's more so common in an Indian context to take a career break after marriage and motherhood to raise kids. As initial years of bonding goes long way in building a lasting emotional and psychological connection with immediate family members.

In the year 2016, August we welcomed our elder son Omer and relocated to KSA. In May 2018, we welcomed our younger son Khalid. I have dedicated my time for motherhood from 2016 till now to raise both kids and it's the best phase of my life and enjoyed every bit of it. I strongly feel healthy parent involvement and intervention in the early years of the child's day-to-day life lay the foundation for better social and academic skills. A secure attachment leads to healthy social, emotional, cognitive, and motivational development.

As my younger son turned 3 years old in May 2021, I am ready to take the plunge to fulfill my dream of continuing further studies in the field of Education. Childhood education is considered to be one of the most challenging professions among some of the toughest jobs in the 21st century. Its significance has only increased across the world due to the prevailing pandemic covid-19 situation and the effect it had on all our lives in general and young kids in particular.

I have always been passionate about this field as it is the field where I can serve children, the community as well as my country with a sense of purpose. When we talk about childhood education there should be strong-hearted people like me who can face and deal with every difficult situation that may arise anytime and anywhere. I desire to help children in the rural area of my country by providing access to quality education locally. In this way, I would be contributing my bit to the nation-building of young aspirational India.

Also, I'm always interested in cultural, art, and community work. I'm humbled to have received awards like **"Mother Theresa Award for Community Work"** and **"Best Director for a college Play."** This was a clear result of the efforts I had put into all the activities I had participated in and such participation taught me skills like teamwork, leadership, and social work.

I have done IELTS (Academic) with candidate number 007731 and center number SA102 on 26th Sep 2020 with an **overall band score of 7.5** and scored 8.5 listening, 8.5 reading, 6.0 writing, and 6.5 in speaking module respectively. (Attached IELTS results in Client information).

TimeLine from 2012 to 2021:

- 2012 - May: Completed B.Ed.
- 2012 - June: Joined as Class Teacher at Raigad Military School, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 2014 - Apr: Quit Job for marriage.
- 2014 - May: Married to Ashif and moved to Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 2016 - Aug: My elder son Omer was born.
- 2018 - May: My younger son Khalid was born.
- 2021 - May: Khalid turned 3 years old. Decided to continue further education.

### **My choice of studying in Canada:**

Canada makes a large investment in its education system. In fact, Canada is one of the world's top education performers and among the top three countries in spending per capita on public post-secondary education, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

With its unbiased societal approach towards race, religion, gender, and sexuality, studying in Canada has become an appealing option for international students. Not only it is one of the safest places to go to in the world; Canada also has a wealth of cultural diversity that is truly inviting to foreign students from everywhere in the world. Comparing with other English-speaking countries, Canada offer's lower tuition fees, cost of living, and especially security for the woman in comparison with the USA, UK, and Australia, etc.

In my opinion, earning an education credential from Canada is much more competitive than one from an Indian university/college. With a globally recognized qualification that will set me apart, studying abroad will help me learn new approaches to handle different situations, experience international methods of instruction, and will help to increase my acumen on the subject and life, in general. It will allow me to view the world through a different lens, and may also allow me to learn new things about my own country and culture

Canada's high academic standards and rigorous quality controls mean that I will be earning a high-quality education that will open doors for my future and benefit my career over the long term and I consider studying in Canada as a good investment for my future services back in my motherland India.

### **Reason for choosing College St-Michel, Montreal:**

St. Michel College is a private institution (Designated Learning Institution #: O19338447708), Located in Montreal, Quebec. The college team is composed of passionate and qualified teachers who have been helping international students by offering quality training to students who wish to resume their studies. The college welcomes those wishing to consolidate their skills or acquire new ones. All the programs are recognized by the Ministere de l'Education et de l'Enseignement Superieur (MEES).

The reason for choosing my program of study Early Childhood Education Techniques (AEC/ACS) in St- Michel is past work experience as a class teacher, it's a 2 years full-time course (start date of Sept 24th, 2021, completion date of Sep 24th, 2023). The main deciding factor is, **it guarantees a practical internship of 375 hours**. This exposure will give me real-time experience and the opportunity to apply the acquired skill set. Other benefits are they help international students to adapt initially in Canada by providing two months of accommodation, welcome at the airport, etc.

**Reason for choosing Early Childhood Education:**

Continuing with previous work experience as a class teacher (from 2012 to 2014, (Attached work experience details in Client information)) in the field of Education, My interest has evolved into a determination to study the subject deeply. Rapid urbanization made city dwellers very busy either in their business or professional life and cannot dedicate time for their children, so obviously they look for a professionally managed day-care center or a pre-school to take care of their children's early education which shall serve as the foundation for future studies. Thus the demand for pre-school or daycare centers is ever-increasing in India.

Regarding, the Early Childhood Education Techniques (AEC/ACS) program, the overall objective is to understand the child's development and needs from 0 to 12 years, to ensure the well-being and safety of children in a child care center.

This program will help me learn the following critical subjects like Occupation of childhood Educator, Professional Communication, Security in custody, Overall Child Development (0 to 12 years), Child observations and Autonomy, Child Health, Special needs, Behavioral Interventions and Educational Interventions for Children aged from 0 to 12 years, etc.

It will also help me to develop the following skills:

- Communicate respectfully and collaborate effectively with children, families, and colleagues.
- Facilitate children's learning through play, exploration, investigation, and inquiry.
- Plan and implement instruction and curriculum to address goals and learning outcomes for young children.
- Use appropriate strategies to assess children's development and learning and inform interactions, instruction, and curriculum.
- Analyze learning and teaching and use their reflections to inform and enhance their practice.
- Engage in critical thinking and demonstrate an attitude of questioning
- Engage in self-assessment and goal setting to promote continuous personal and professional growth.

**Financial Support:**

My Husband MOHAMMED ASHIF RANGDAL is a Mechanical Engineer by profession and is currently working as Country Sales Manager in Ventilation Industries Company, Dammam, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He will sponsor my education and living expenses for the complete course duration. We have already paid the 1st year tuition fee of CAD: 13,032/-(attached fee receipt) and GIC (attached) of CAD 10,000/- for 1st year living expenses. We have sufficient proof of funds in the bank for 2nd year's fees and living expenses.

## **Return to India and Future Career Objective:**

After completing ECE from ST-Michel, I will continue my education in Canada and pursue a Master's in Education to develop educational administration and leadership capabilities. This will equip me with the knowledge and skills to engage in approaches to leadership and policy in the elementary and secondary school system. This will prepare me as an educator, who will have an understanding of the past, a plan for the present, and a vision for the future. Studying in Canada will provide me with opportunities to learn advanced knowledge and skills. After the completion of my study, I will return to India to serve my motherland.

As per the wishes of my late father-in-law and as promised, I intend to open an education institution/school to offer subsidized education for the underprivileged and vulnerable children in rural India and empower them with quality education as per international standards and curriculum, and prepare them on par with kids of privileged society, so that they can compete and serve the future of aspirational India.

We have earmarked land (6 Acres, 20 Guntas, attached land records ((Attached land records details in Client information)) for building a school in my father-in-law's birth-place (Manvi, Raichur District, Karnataka) to fulfill his last wishes. According to the Census of India, the rural literacy rate still stands at just 69 percent, which is far below the world average of 86 percent. Elementary education is very important for society and a country at large, the elementary education system in India is a thriving sector. Delivering the required quality of education is one of the major challenges due to the sheer size of the population. As per the "All India School Education Survey (AISES)," conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The report evaluates and summarises official statistics on schooling infrastructure and children's participation in elementary schooling in rural India.

In India, education in the rural segments is not only important to eradicate poverty and illiteracy, but also for a variety of other social, economic as well as cultural, and political reasons. Even though the government is working to improve the state of education in the country, there is still a lot to be improved.

With the unique Canadian study experience and new skill set, I confidently believe that I will have a successful and productive career in the field of Education in India. In addition, I am a family-oriented woman, I will come back to India to take care of my family and loved ones.

I know that studying in Canada requires a lot of discipline and dedication. I am a law-abiding citizen and a very responsible individual. Hereby re-affirm that will leave Canada and return to my home country before the expiry of my legal stay.

Based on my earlier work experience and strong study motive, Therefore, I place my request before Canadian High Commission to consider my application for a student visa.

Thank you for reviewing my application.

Yours Sincerely,  
ASMA AYYUB SHAIKH



Signature of Applicant