

Curriculum Vitae

Orkan Okan

Dr. phil.; I. Educational State Exam LPO 2003 (LPO 2003)

Current and previous academic affiliations

2021-	Professor of Health Literacy (W2 Tenure Track), Technical University Munich, Department of Sport and Health Sciences
2020-2021	Senior Researcher, Interdisciplinary Centre for Health Literacy Research, Bielefeld University
2019-2020	Researcher, Interdisciplinary Centre for Health Literacy Research, Bielefeld University
2015-2019	Researcher, Centre for Prevention and Intervention in Childhood and Adolescence, Bielefeld University
2015-2020	Researcher, Bielefeld University, Faculty of Educational Science, Department of Socialisation

Academic education and training

25.02.2020	Doctor of philosophy "Dr. phil." (summa cum laude) at the Faculty of Educational Science at Bielefeld University
2019/09	Doctoral thesis submitted Title: Health literacy in childhood and adolescence: Inventory and analysis of conceptual and methodological research
2015/10-2020/02	Doctoral candidate at Bielefeld University, Faculty of Educational Science, publication-based cumulative dissertation
2014/06	I. Educational State Exam LPO 2003 (I. Staatsexamen LPO 2003) as School Teacher (Teaching at Primary and Secondary School Level, focusing on Elementary School) Thesis: Health Literacy: Assessment based on an international Literature Analysis
2011 - 2014	Teacher Training and Educational Science: I. Educational State Exam LPO 2003 (I. Staatsexamen LPO 2003), University of Duisburg-Essen Subjects: Pedagogy and Educational Science, German, Linguistics, Literary Studies, Social Sciences, History, Geography and Economic Geography, Economic Science, and Mathematics
2010 - 2011	University of Hagen Student of Business Informatics (B.A. studies)
2006 - 2007	University of Duisburg-Essen Student of Political Science (B.A. studies)
2005 - 2006	University of Duisburg-Essen Student of Applied Informatics (Diplom studies)

Practical education and training

2001-2003 Informatics: Software developer
IHK Ausbildung: Siemens AG SIB Duisburg

Positions during academic training

2013-2014 *Student and research assistant*
University of Duisburg-Essen, Faculty of Educational Science, Department of Socialisation Research, Centre for Prevention and Intervention in Childhood and Adolescence

2013/08-2013/09 *Lecturer*
Erasmus Programme at the University of Duisburg-Essen
Chinese student exchange and German as second language

2012/11-2013/02 *Student assistant*
University of Duisburg-Essen, Faculty of Educational Science, Literary Studies and Medieval studies

2012/08-2012/09 *Lecturer*
Erasmus Programme at the University of Duisburg-Essen
Japanese student exchange and German as second language

2012/04- 2012/07 *Teacher and lecturer*
Kids University Duisburg-Essen
Mathmatics for gifted children

2012/04-2012/07 *Teacher*
Schule am Röttgersbach, Duisburg (elementary school, pre-service teacher training)

2011/10-2012/04 *Teacher*
Leither Schule, Essen (elementary school, pre-service teacher training)
Arts teacher in the theater project: „Der Igel und der Hase“

2011 – 2014 *Teacher*
GGs am Mattlerbusch, Duisburg (elementary school and inclusive education; supporting teacher during teacher training and after-school teachings)

Memberships

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Public Health e.V. (DPGH)

Deutsches Netzwerk für Gesundheitskompetenz e.V. (DNGK)

European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

International Health Literacy Association (IHLA)

International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE)

Schools for Health in Europe Network Foundation (SHE)

International School Health Network (ISHN)

UNESCO Chair Global Health and Education

European Educational Research Association (EERA), Netzwerk 8 Health Education

European WISHES Network (Working together internationally on social development and health in every school and family)

Bridge for Health Canada

Advisory boards

2021	World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe Member of the Multi-stakeholder consultation to promote adolescent well-being
2020	World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, WHO Europe Health Literacy Advisory Group. Developing a European Health Literacy Action Plan
2020-	The Dutch Children`s Health Literacy Project (2020-2024) Advisory board
2019	Belgian Centre for Health Care Expertise (KCE) at the Belgian Government: National Action Plan on Health Literacy for Belgium. Validating the action plan and associated research.
2017-2018	Digital Health Literacy Project: TK-DiSK. Digital. Selbstbestimmt. Kompetent. Ein Projekt zur Stärkung der digitalen Gesundheitskompetenz von Patienten und Organisationen.

Editor, reviewer and supervisor

Associate Editor:	Health Promotion International (Oxford) (2023-)
Editorial Board:	Health Promotion International (Oxford) (2018-2023) https://academic.oup.com/heapro/pages/Editorial_Board
Editor:	International Handbook of Health Literacy (2019, Policy Press Bristol) Health Literacy Anthology: Connecting Different Perspectives–New Approaches, New Insights on Health Literacy Research (2020, Springer VS) Reference Work Springer: Health Literacy: (2021, Springer International) Special Issue "Health Literacy and Equity – Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Recent Trends in Health Literacy Research and Action around the World" (International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (ISSN 1660-4601; MDPI). Special Issue " Health Literacy: Measurements, Interventions and Evaluation" (International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (ISSN 1660-4601; MDPI)
Reviewer Journals:	various journals (e.g. Health Promotion International; Global Health Promotion; Health Literacy Research and Practice; BMC Public Health; Health Education Research; Frontiers in Public Health;H, International Journal of Public Health; Journal of Medical Internet Research; Social Science and Medicine; Plos One; European Journal for Health Communication)
Reviewer Agencies:	Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (SNF) Belgian Centre for Health Care Expertise (KCE)

Academic teaching and lectures

2022/2023 Winter Semester	Dimensions of Health (L) (TUM) Introduction to Health Literacy Research (L, S, E) (TUM)
2022 SoSe Summer Semester	Introduction to Health Literacy Research (L, S, E) (TUM)
2021/2022 Winter Semester	Dimensions of Health (L) (3 ECTS) (TUM)
2021/2022 Winter Semester	Introduction to Health Literacy (S) (3 ECTS) (TUM)
2019/2020 Winter Semester	Health Literacy in the School Setting (Bielefeld University)
2019 Summer Semester	Health promoting school: a perspective towards teacher health
2018/2019 Winter Semester	School health promotion and health literacy as a target for prevention
2018 Summer Semester	Inclusive teaching, health, and inequalities in education and further contexts (Bielefeld University)
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2015/2016 Winter Semester	Education and Health: A multidisciplinary perspective (Bielefeld University)
2015 Summer Semester	Health Promotion in Primary and Secondary Schools – WHO Setting Approach (Bielefeld University)
2014/2015 Winter Semester	Civic- and International Education: Political Education for socially disadvantaged (Bielefeld University)
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2019	Summer School on Health Literacy (Bielefeld University)
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2017	Summer School on Health Literacy (Bielefeld University)
2016	Summer School on Health Literacy (University of Education Freiburg)

Networks, collaborations, and partnerships

2025-2028	President of the International Health Literacy Association (IHLA)
2022-2025	Vice-President of the International Health Literacy Association (IHLA)
2022-	Chair EUPHA Working Group on Health Literacy
2021-	Coordinator Alliance for Health Literacy in Schools
2020-	Coordinator Global Covid-Health Literacy Network
2020-	Member of the National Action Plan Health Literacy
2020	Working Group Pedagogy, Chair German Network Health Literacy
2020-	Member in the UNESCO Consortium Safe Re-Opening of Schools UNESCO Chair Global Health and Education
2020-	Working Group "Digital Health Think Tank" the National Action Plan Health Literacy
2020-	Project Member „Wellbeing and COVID-19“ University of Pennsylvania
2020-	Member of the Scientific Committee of the IUHPE Euro Region International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) Europe
2020-	Communication Lead Scientific and Organisational Affairs at International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) Europe
2020	Health Literacy Fact Sheet Group Schools for Health in Europe Network Foundation (SHE) Commissioned fact sheet, main contractor
2020	WHO Advisory Board on Health Literacy World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark Developing a European Action Plan on Health Literacy
2020-	Working Group: Infodemics and Health Literacy World Health Organisation, Geneva Commissioned policy brief, main contractor
2019-	Official member of International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE)
2020	Scientific Committee European Public Health Conference of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA)
2019-2022	Deputy and Future Chair of Global Working Group on Health Literacy (IUHPE GWG-HL)
2019-	WHO Health Literacy Working Group: World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark

Child and Adolescent Health and Development, Division of noncommunicable diseases and promoting health through the life-course

- 2019 Health Promoting School Network:
WHO European Centre for Environment and Health (ECEH), Bonn, Germany
- 2019- Member and scientific collaborator
UNESCO Chair Global Health and Education
- 2019- Member in the Research Group and German Group
Schools for Health in Europe Network Foundation (SHE)
- 2019 Scientific Committee European Health Literacy Conference 2019
Health Literacy Europe
- 2019- Leader of the IHLA Interest Group on Health Literacy in Schools
International Health Literacy Association (IHLA)
- 2019- Member in the Standing Committee on Policy and Advocacy
International Health Literacy Association (IHLA)
- 2019 Scientific Committee European Public Health Conference of the European Public Health Association
(EUPHA)
- 2018 Scientific Committee European Public Health Conference of the European Public Health Association
(EUPHA)
- 2016-2022 Vice president of the EUPHA Section Health Promotion
European Public Health Association (EUPHA)
- 2016- Member and international collaborator
Bridge for Health, Canada
- 2016- Member of the Working Group on Alcohol Health Literacy at the IUHPE-GWG-HL
International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE)
- 2016- Member of the health literacy core group
International School Health Network (ISHN)
- 2015- Member of the FRESH Working Group on Health Literacy, Life Skills and Social Inclusion
International School Health Network (ISHN)
- 2015- Member of the Global Working Group on Health Literacy (IUHPE GWG-HL)
International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE)
- 2015- Collaborator
Health Literacy Europe
- 2015- Network Member of Network 8 Health Education
European Educational Research Association (EERA)
- 2015- Member and collaborator
European WISHES Network (Working together internationally on social development and health in every school and family)

Current and previous positions in research projects

2023-2025	Boosting Health Literacy for School Students (BLISS) (funded by Erasmus+)
2022-2025	Schools4Health (Förderer: European Commission)
2022-2025	Kindern und Jugendlichen eine Stimme geben: Schüler*innen als Mitforschende bei der Entwicklung eines konzeptionellen Modells von Gesundheitskompetenz [Giving a voice to children and adolescents: school students as co-researchers to develop a conceptual model of health literacy] (funded by Society for Research Promotion Lower Austria)
2022-2024	Coordinator TUM „Förderung der digitalen Gesundheitskompetenz bei Schülerinnen und Schülern in der Lebenswelt Schule“ nach §20a SGB [Promoting digital health literacy among students in the school environment, based on §20a SGB]
2022-	<i>Coordinator</i> Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) research consortium, Technical University Munich (funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBF)
2022	Development of a draft tool to assess population levels of health literacy in the global context (Förderer: World Health Organization)
2021-2022	World Health Organization Global Measurement of Population Health Literacy Project lead
2020-	<i>Coordinator and research member</i> Corona-based Health Literacy in Adults (HLS-COVID-19), Bielefeld University, waves 2 and 3 of the survey, cross-country measurement in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland (funded by the Federal Ministry of Health, BMG)
2020-	<i>Coordinator and research member</i> Corona-based Health Literacy in Adults (HLS-COVID-19), Bielefeld University, wave 1 (funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBF, part of HLCA)
2020-	<i>Coordinator and research member</i> Global COVID-19 Health Literacy Consortium (COVID-HL Consortium), Bielefeld University
2020-	<i>Collaborating research member</i> National Action Plan on Health Literacy in Germany, Bielefeld University (funded by Robert Bosch Stiftung)
2020-2022	<i>Collaborating research member</i> Organizational Health Literacy in the Health Care Setting, Bielefeld University (funded by the Federal Ministry of Health, BMG)
2019-2022	<i>Principle investigator</i> Health Literate Schools (HeLit-Schools), Bielefeld University (funded by the Federal Ministry of Health, BMG)
2018-2021/22	<i>Associate researcher and principle investigator</i> Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) research consortium, Bielefeld University (funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBF)

Projects

PMOPolicy: Health literacy policies for children and adolescents (PI)
Tool-HLCA: Toolbox to promote health literacy in children and adolescents in schools (AR)
HL-Kids-NRW: Measuring health literacy in school-aged children in NRW (AR)
IMPRES – Mental health literacy and Stigma (AR)

2018-2021/22 *Overall consortium manager*
Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) research consortium, Bielefeld University
(funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBF)

2018 *Collaborating research member*
Strategies to increase the reach of prevention and health promotion among vulnerable target groups
in daycare centers and schools - A Scoping Review, KATALYSE Institute and collaborative partner
Bielefeld University (funded by Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung BZgA)

2015-2018 *Scientific project manager*
Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) research consortium, first funding period
2015-2018, Bielefeld University (funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBF)

2015-2018 *Associate researcher and principle investigator*
Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) research consortium, first funding period
2015-2018, Bielefeld University (funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBF)

Projects

TeCoMo: Theories, concepts, and models of health literacy in childhood and adolescence (AR & PI)

MoMChild: Methods of measuring health literacy of children (AR & PI)

Teacher-MHL: Health promotion of children with parents suffering from mental disorders.
Assessment and promotion of teacher-specific mental health literacy (AR)

Synth-HLCA: Synthesis of project results leading to policy and strategy development (AR & PI)