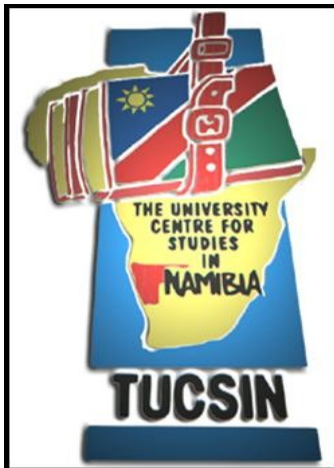


RADIOLOGY— TAA SUPPLEMENT



TUCSIN ALUMNI 2013 CAREER FOCUS - RADIOLOGY

Following our previous edition about Radiology is Ms Christine Damases contribution towards our Career of the week which was **RADIOLOGY.**



Christine Damases is a Namibian lecturer in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Namibia. She has been involved in radiography education for the past 10 years.

TUCSIN ALUMNI — RADIOLOGY CHRISTINE DAMASES



"Radiography is the most appealing career for me because it is a respected profession dedicated to helping people remain healthy. I have chosen Radiography as a career for three reasons: a desire to help others, a desire to learn, and a desire to be challenged as an individual. I am passionate about helping others in my community. I want to touch lives and make an impact. I love working in healthcare; and this has dramatically influenced my career choice. Through my experiences, I have developed a strong interest in the medical field and a desire to share the

challenges of the modern health care team.

I started off my tertiary education at the University of Namibia and completed a National Diploma in Radiography (Diagnostic). I then continued my educational journey with Technikon Natal and Durban University of Technology in South-Africa, Durban. I obtained a Bachelor's of Technology Radiography and a Master's Degree in Technology respectively. I'm currently pursuing a PhD in Medical Radiation Sciences with the University of Sydney (Australia).

My professional career commenced 1996 at Windhoek Central and Katutura State hospitals x-ray departments respectively. Once I became a Radiographer, I had the responsibility to help improve the well-being and health of the patients I served. I love working and interacting with a variety of people every day. As a Radiographer, I was challenged because I wanted to be confident in what I know and what I had to offer. I formed an integral part of the diagnostic team by producing images of the body using state-of-the-art radia-

tion equipment. I was most interested in the combination of technology and science, patient care, and collaboration.

During that time, as a group we practiced critical thinking, problem solving, and leadership skills. Ultimately, this experience developed my ideas and interests about improving the community by helping others through education. I joined the University of Namibia during 2001 as a junior lecturer and have since advanced to a lecturer. My position as a lecturer has afforded me the opportunity to greatly influence and change young people's lives.

Lastly, I have a desire to be challenged as an individual. I enjoy working in a fast-paced environment and dealing with different situations every day. I am passionate about setting goals for myself and achieving them. I will exploit every resource to meet my highest potential as a professional. My ambition is to continually improve the health and well-being of all people, especially the poor, in the community I serve. I'm an alumni of TUCSIN." - Christine Damases

The secret of getting ahead is **getting started.**

The secret of getting started is **breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks**, and then starting on the first one.

- Mark Twain

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