

Profile of Professor Rebecca Atchoi Akpanglo-Nartey

Professor Rebecca Atchoi Akpanglo-Nartey is a distinguished academic and leader with an inspiring trajectory at the University of Education, Winneba (UEW). She hails from Teshie in the Greater Accra Region.

In October 2024, Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey was appointed Principal of the College of Languages Education, Ajumako, marking a new chapter in her leadership journey. Previously, she served as the Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and held various leadership roles, such as Dean, Vice-Dean, Head of Department, Graduate Coordinator and Faculty Examinations Officer. She also contributed to the university's governance through numerous board and committee appointments.

Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey envisions the College of Languages Education as a leading institution for language teacher education, research, and media studies. Her focus on six thematic areas—teaching, Research, and Innovation; Human Resource Development; Enhanced Quality Assurance Service Delivery; Financial Mobilisation and Management; Physical Infrastructure; and Partnerships and Visibility—reflects her commitment to excellence and holistic development.

Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey attended Mensah Sarbah International School in Teshie for her Common Entrance Examinations Certificate and Middle School Leaving Certificate Examination. She later attended the Teshie Presbyterian Secondary School (TPSS) where she obtained her GCE O'Level Certificate. She proceeded to the Presbyterian Women's Training College (PWTC), Aburi, where she studied for her Teacher's Certificate 'A'. After teaching for three years in Teshie AMA '5' Junior High School, she proceeded to the University College of Education, Winneba (UCEW) where she graduated with a Diploma in Ghanaian Languages (Ga) Education and subsequently her Bachelor of Education degree in Ghanaian Languages (Ga) Education. After the degree, Prof. Apanglo-Nartey returned to teaching, at Osu Manhian '5' Junior High School.

She later returned to the University of Education, Winneba to pursue an MPhil Degree in Linguistics at the Department of Applied Linguistics. Prof Akpanglo-Nartey was among the pioneering students in post-graduate education at UEW and one of the first three students to have defended their theses at a viva voce and graduated with their Master's degree in UEW.

Prof. Rebecca Akpanglo-Nartey later gained admission to pursue her PhD in the Applied Linguistics Department, University of Education, Winneba which she completed in 2009 being the first PhD graduating student in UEW Graduate School. Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey thus, holds a Diploma in Ghanaian Languages (Ga) from the University of Cape Coast, B.Ed. degree in Ghanaian languages (Ga), the University of Cape Coast, an MPhil in Linguistics, University of Education, Winneba, and a PhD in linguistics, University of Education, Winneba. Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey is also an alumna of DAAD. She participated in the International Deans Course (IDC) 2023/2024 organised by DAAD and Rectors of German Universities.

Prof. Rebecca Atchoi Akpanglo-Nartey has worked with the University of Education, Winneba for over 20 years. She started in 2003 as a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Applied Linguistics, UEW and became an assistant lecturer and subsequently, a lecturer in 2005 after her MPhil work. In 2013 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in 2021. Her specialisation is in linguistic phonetics and sociolinguistics. She also teaches phonetics and phonology of the English language, general introduction to linguistics and phonology. She teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students language courses such as Introduction to Linguistics, Phonetics, Phonology, Acoustic Phonetics, Phonetics and Phonology of English, Sociolinguistics, Language Contact, Language Change and Language Variation. Prof Rebecca Akpanglo-Nartey has served as an academic counsellor for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Department of Applied Linguistics. She has supervised and continues to oversee many MPhil., M.Ed. and PhD theses in linguistics and Teaching of English as a second language (TESL).

She was the Head of Department of the Applied Linguistics Department, at the University of Education Winneba from July 2011 to August 2015 and Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and Communication from September 2015 to July 2017. She was also in the position of Vice-Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies, UEW, from August 2021 to October 2021, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education from October 2021 to July 2022, Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education from August 2022 to September 2024 and has been the Principal of the College of Languages Education, from October 1, 2024.

Prof. Rebecca Atchoi Akpanglo-Nartey has served and continues to serve on many university-wide Boards and Committees such as the Academic Board, Graduate Board,

Academic Planning Committee, Estate Management Committee, Management Committee, College of Languages Education, Finance and Development Committees, Research Conferences and Scholarship Committee and Vice-Chancellor's Community Initiative Programme Committee. By dint of hard work, Prof. Rebecca Atchoi Akpanglo-Nartey was appointed by the university to serve as a representative on the Akatsi Training College Council from September, 2022 to August, 2024.

Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey has authored and co-authored over forty (40) scholarly works in international and local peer-reviewed journals and contributed to knowledge in her area of specialisation. Prof. Akpanglo-Nartey has attended many local and international conferences where she presented her research works. She is a member of the University Teachers' Association of Ghana (UTAG), the Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG), the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA), and the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL).

Prof Rebecca Atchoi Akpanglo-Nartey is a hardworking and lovely academic. Her hobbies are reading, listening to music, and admiring nature.