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Current Address:

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Education:

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

Major: Art Education

08/2015 – present

Masters of Art Education (MAE)

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

Major: Communication Arts (Illustration)

09/2011 – 05/2015

Minor: Music

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (BFA)

Western Branch High School

Chesapeake, VA

Awards: “Hall of Fame” Art Award

09/2007 – 06/2011

Chesapeake Art Show Future League Award

VA PTA Reflections Music/Art Awards

Work Experience

Thomas B. Hargrave Educational Center

Portsmouth, Virginia

Assistant Teacher

04/2017-07/2017

- Assist the lead teacher with carrying out the educational curriculum for the preschool class
- Organize arts and crafts activities for the children
- Serve food during snack time

Brighton Gardens

Chesapeake, Virginia

Arts and Crafts Coordinator

02/2017-present

- Organize arts and crafts activities for adults with disabilities within the Brighton Gardens Arthur Bobby Center
- Assist with day support services

Virginia Symphony

Norfolk, Virginia

Call Room Associate

12/2016-02/2017

- Assisted in raising funds for the Virginia Symphony through telemarketing/ tele-funding services

VCU Department of Music

Richmond, Virginia

Communications Assistant

09/2016-12/2016

- Assist with VCU music advertising on social media (Facebook, Pinterest, etc.)
- Assist with box office duties during VCU music performances

SPARC August Adventure Camp (Aladdin/ Little Mermaid)

Richmond, Virginia

Art Assistant

08/2016-08/2016

- Campers participated in making arts and crafts centered around their assigned show

- Assisted art director with costumes for Aladdin and the Little Mermaid
- Assisted with carpool/ pickup

VCU Creative Arts Day Camp

Richmond, Virginia

Teacher

07/2016-07/2016

- Provided a fun art learning experience for students grades K-9
- Planned three weeks worth of art lessons concentrating on significant artists and art movements throughout history
- Installed artwork for weekly exhibitions

Once Upon A Child

Colonial Heights, Virginia

Sales Associate

06/2016-07/2016

- Customer Service
- Sales
- Pricing/ tagging of clothing items

SPARC (School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community)

Richmond, Virginia

SPARCLERS Jr. Camp Counselor

06/2016-07/2016

- Provided a fun storytelling experience for ages 4 and 5
- Assisted with final show performances

Golds Gym:

Richmond, Virginia

Kids Club Associate

02/2016-04/2016

- Provided childcare for kids while parents participated in gym activities
- Ensured the safety of each child through the “sight and sound” method

VCU Art of Nursing:

Richmond, Virginia

Graduate Student Museum Facilitator

02/2016-04/2016

- Engaged nursing students in critical thought through museum tours given at the VMFA
- Provided engaging activities to help nursing students connect the art viewing experience with the nursing field
- Created lesson plans that guided each tour given to the nursing students

Bundle of Joy Child Development Center:

Richmond, Virginia

Assistant Teacher

09/2015-02/2016

- Cared for children (perform daily activities- change diapers, assist with bathroom, administer snack time, etc.) (2 year olds and above)
- Observed playground safety
- Performed facility maintenance

Bookholders:

Richmond, Virginia

Warehouse/ Packaging

08/2015-08/2015

- Provided customer service
- Handled the packaging/ labeling/ shipment of textbooks

VCU Residential Life and Housing:

Richmond, Virginia

Summer Resident Assistant

05/2015-08/2015

- Assisted with the move in, move out, transitioning process of VCU students living on campus
- Mailroom Duty
- Performed daily rounds on each floor of my assigned dorm
- Hosted various social and educational programs to strengthen communal bonds within the dormitory

Richmond Symphony:

Richmond, Virginia

Music Education Intern

08/2014-05/2015

- Assisted students within the Youth Orchestra Program
- Helped manage music library (copying, organizing, etc.)
- Assisted with symphony performances

Richmond Symphony:

Richmond, Virginia

Box Office Assistant

11/2013 - 05/2014

- Assisted with ticket sales, exchanges, and refunds
- Customer service duties
- Processed gift vouchers, certificates, and coupons
- Assisted with symphony performances

Small Voices Academy:

Chesapeake, Virginia

Assistant Teacher

06/2013 - 08/2013

- Cared for children (performed activities, changed diapers, observed safety, bath-room/feeding assistance, etc.) (infant-preschool)
- Performed facility maintenance

Children's Museum of Richmond:

Richmond, Virginia

Guest Services Associate

12/2011 – 05/2012

- Performed facility maintenance
- Worked at the front desk
- Dealt with guest questions and concerns
- Observed guest safety

Volunteer Experience:**Bethel Temple Church:**

Portsmouth, Virginia

Children's Church Teacher Assistant

05/2011 – 05/2011

- I worked with various members of my church to help provide an exciting and fun-filled biblical learning experience for young children ages 3 to 5. My main duty was to tend to the children in any way possible. It ranged from taking them to the bathroom to helping them with projects in class.

Skills:

I pay very close attention to details due to my enrollment in the graduate program at VCU. I am earning my master's degree in Art Education in which I hope to teach children (grades K-12) in the Richmond or Chesapeake Public School System. The VCUarts program prides itself on selecting students that show not only extraordinary creative talent, but academic prowess. Having earned my bachelor's degree from VCUarts as well, I can honestly say that this program is no easy task and requires a great deal of motivation and self-discipline. VCUarts has provided me with many opportunities to think creatively in various situations- which could in turn be used as a stimulative tool for any employer or provide possible solutions to difficult problems. I pride myself on completing assigned tasks to the best of my ability in an orderly and timely fashion. In addition to my dedicated hard-working personality, I am a passionate, fun-loving and easy-going individual who loves developing strong relationships with people. In my spare time I love to play the piano, compose music, sing, paint, and teach kids!!! Music and art are my passions and since I have concentrations in both I feel that my creative ability, in addition to good eyes and ears, could be beneficial to any employer.