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OBJECTIVE

As a recent grad, I am looking for a P/T or F/T graphic design opportunity. Although my degrees are in the field of electrical engineering, graphic design has always been my true passion and is something that I would like to pursue while taking a break from engineering. Unfortunately, I do not have the academic credentials to support my graphic design skills. However, I feel that my well-developed and diverse portfolio more than makes up for this. My previous graphic design jobs range from 4 years paid experience for a furniture retail store, to volunteer logo and sign design for the Edmonton Underwater Hockey Team.

I am an expert in Photoshop (to the extent that I can, and have, given step-by-step instructions over the telephone). I'm also well versed in other illustration programs.

PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES

Excellent communication and collaboration skills acquired as a self-taught graphic designer, and demonstrated in various roles in school council and other groups requiring strong teamwork.

Self motivated and able to work independently with minimal instruction if the situation calls for it.

Fast and eager learner especially for new computer software or website programming, which I will be able to pick up and use very quickly due to my experience in programming languages (C, C++).

4+ years graphic design experience creating print ads, website design, signage, and custom stationary for a furniture retail store, and also various volunteer graphic design work that I've been pursuing consistently through the years.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Illustration **Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Corel Draw**

Modelling **Google Sketchup, AutoCAD, SolidWorks**

Audio **GarageBand, Audacity**

Video **iMovie**

Programming **C, C++**

Other **MS Office**

EDUCATION

Sep 2010 – present **Masters of Science (MSc)**
Electrical Engineering, Microsystems and Nanodevices
University of Alberta – Edmonton AB, Canada

Sep 2005 – May 2010 **Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)**
Co-operative Education in Electrical Engineering
Dalhousie University – Halifax NS, Canada

References available upon request.

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DESIGN EXPERIENCE

- Mar 2013 to present **AstroHAL Campaign, Edmonton, AB** – Volunteer
- Logo design, pamphlets, posters, and photo editing support
- Mar 2012 **“Octopushers” Edmonton Underwater Hockey Team, AB** – Volunteer
- Team logo for swimsuits, pamphlets, and pool sign
- May 2012, Jun & May 2011 **Academic Conference Posters, Various locations** – Part of my academic program
- Won **best conference poster** at “U of A Graduate Residence Symposium” in Edmonton, AB; and **best poster design and oral presentation** at “CIPI, Canadian institute for photonic innovations” in Ottawa, ON
- Jan to Feb 2010 **Assistant for UBC Architecture Thesis Student, Vancouver, BC** – Volunteer
- Photoshopped photos and textures onto 3D rendered buildings
 - Built model of building from foam core and integrated LED lights
- 2008 to 2009 **Dalhousie Engineering Student Events, Halifax, NS** – Volunteer
- Posters and t-shirts for engineering events
- 2006 to 2007 **Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society, Halifax, NS** – VP Communications
- Designs for engineering merchandise, website, and posters
- 2004 to 2008 **West Art Furnishings, Halifax, NS** – Full Time Graphic Designer
- Advertisements for print, signage, logo design, custom stationary, and retail catalogue
 - Designed and maintained website layout
 - Created 3D renderings of new furniture design for manufacturer
- 2004 to 2006 **Wadeng Wings of Hope Charity, Halifax, NS** – Volunteer
- Promotional packages for the organisation’s various campaigns
 - Logo design and custom stationery
- 2004 to 2006 **Halifax Grammar School, Halifax, NS** – Volunteer
- Promotional packages for the school’s annual musical
 - Merchandise logo, page design and layout of the school’s yearbook, “Green Gryphons” environmental club logo
- 2005 **“SMU Crew” Dragon Boat Team, Halifax, NS** – Volunteer
- T-shirt for the Aliant Halifax Dragon Boat Race
- 2000 **National Mandai Reforestation Project, Singapore** – Volunteer
- Macromedia Flash Presentation for the opening ceremony, as part of a team.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2011 **Nanofabrication Facility, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB** – Engineering Contract
- May to Aug 2009 **J.J. MacKay Canada Ltd, Halifax, NS** – R & D Department, Co-op Testing Analyst
- Sep to Dec 2008 **LED Roadway Lighting Ltd, Halifax, NS** – Co-op Researcher & Developer
- Jan to Apr 2008 **Nova Scotia Power Inc, Halifax, NS** – Conservation & Energy Department, Co-op