

# NICHOLAS PIASKOSKI

## Experience

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**Tech Talent South**  
Instructor

Dec. 2017 to Current  
Asheville, NC

Instruct full-time and part-time students in web development immersive courses. These courses focus on Ruby and Rails. HTML, CSS, JS, jQuery, Bootstrap and SQLite are also covered. Lead full-time students through 3 major projects and provide issue support for their independent projects. Update curriculum to support new version releases. See my reviews: 1, 2, 3 & 4

**Verizon Wireless**  
Operations Specialist

Aug. 2004 to May 2017  
Waynesville, NC

- Created a bar code generator with output readable by inventory scanners to account for a new program where we were purchasing serialized equipment that did not have SKUs. Saved the company \$15M over the course of a year through greater inventory accuracy and decreasing the processing time for that inventory at 1700 retail locations.
- Created a fix to refactor an outdated feature in the Point Of Sale system, which was causing stores to send back no value items to the national warehouse. Saved the company \$17M over the period of three years by eliminating shipping costs and processing times at 1700 retail locations and the national warehouse.
- Earned a Leading performance rating 6 out of 7 years in my role as Operations Specialist. This is the highest performance rating and only 5% of employees earn this rating.

## Volunteering

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**Avl Developers Network & Avl Coders League** Dec. 2017 to  
· Founder & Organizer Current

Schedule and organize technical speaker series for two coding groups in the Asheville area all supported with time and effort donated from local businesses and the coding community. ADN & ACL

**WWOOF USA** · Host

Mar. 2007 to May 2017

Mentor and host to aspiring organic farmers through the organization World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms. Interns lived and worked on my homestead farm for anywhere from two weeks to six months, learning about organic growing and living more sustainably.

## Contact

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## Skills

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Ruby, Rails, Javascript, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML5, CSS, SQLite, PostgreSQL, Git/Github, AWS, Heroku

## Education

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### General Assembly

Certificate Web Development  
A code immersion bootcamp with 40 classroom hours per week for 12 weeks.

### Auburn University

Master's level course work and research in aquaculture completed

### University Of Massachusetts

Bachelor's of Science Biology

## Awards

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### Verizon Wireless · Powerful Answers 2015

Award for identifying improvements in reverse logistics.

### Verizon Wireless · Winner's Circle 2005 & 2006

Award for exceeding 110% of sales quota