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SUMMARY

Dedicated professional combining a robust background in accounting with an expanding competence in information technology. Engaged in advanced education to secure a Masters degree, aiming to refine technical skills for application in IT environments. Offers strong analytical abilities and comprehensive knowledge of accounting principles. Eager to leverage accountancy skills in an Audit Associate position to further technological integration into corporate strategies and to acquire critical insights into the alignment of tech innovations with business goals.

EDUCATION

Master of Information Technology
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Anticipated: May 2025

Master of Accounting
Cleveland State University, Ohio

Bachelor of Science Accounting
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Cum Laude Honors

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Graduate/Teaching Assistant

Minnesota State University Mankato Kearney International Center | Mankato, MN

Jul 2023 - Present

- Designs and teaches a class of 20-25 students on first-year experience and US culture.
- Leads a team of 4 individuals tasked with planning and organizing monthly events for the student population.
- Developed a comprehensive project tracker utilizing Excel and Gantt charts, detailing tasks, deadlines, and team member responsibilities, resulting in a 50% increase in efficiency.
- Demonstrates strong project management skills by coordinating all aspects of event planning, including scheduling, budgeting, logistics, and promotion.
- Established and leads weekly sessions to assist students in filing taxes through the MAVTAX program, ensuring accuracy and compliance with regulations.
- Utilizes technology tools and platforms to enhance student learning experiences, such as creating online discussion forums and interactive multimedia presentations.

Internal Audit Control Officer | Systems and Controls Division

Guaranty Trust Bank GTCO

Jun 2022 - Jun 2023

- Collaborated with the Internal Audit team to develop and execute a comprehensive annual audit plan for forty 40 Multinational teams within the bank leading to a consistent audit approach and heightened operational oversight.
- Spearheaded weekly audit opening and/or closing meetings with various team to communicate audit period, requirements, and findings across units, and resulted in 25% fewer audit queries.
- Identified weaknesses in internal controls through thorough analysis and testing of existing measures which enabled the implementation of risk aversion strategies improving compliance by 20%.
- Addressed the requirement for transparent reporting by preparing detailed audit reports outlining findings and corrective recommendations, which led to an 70% reduction in audit findings over the subsequent period.
- Appointed pivotal member of a project team entrusted with conducting annual bespoke audits, including Global Independence Monitoring System (GIMS) and Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR) audits.

- Reviewed documentation, policies, and procedures to ensure alignment with ISO standards (9000 and 27000) and best practices.

Corp Member Graduate Audit Trainee

Nigerian National Youth Service Corps NYSC. Abia State Internal Revenue Board

Mar 2021 - Feb 2022

- Managed the rigorous oversight of a state government auditing database, tracking over 500 companies' liabilities; streamlined process to reduce errors by 20%.
- Managed ongoing liaison efforts with approximately 50 companies per month, to address and clarify their tax liabilities, enhancing stakeholder relations and compliance
- Conducted in-depth research and interpretation of tax legislation to ensure accurate implementation.
- Enhanced the financial integrity of state tax accounts by meticulously conducting reconciliation tasks, identifying discrepancies, and rectifying balances to accurately reflect amounts owed to the state. Resulted in a significant improvement in revenue.

Tax Analyst

Archway Marketing Services

Aug 2019 - Jul 2020

- Created Microsoft governance reports using Microsoft Excel and Power BI, delivering actionable insights to monitor revenue and disputed tax amounts, enabling informed strategic decision-making.
- Leveraged software such as CCH to conduct targeted tax research ensuring compliance with jurisdictional regulations.
- Orchestrated proactive client and partner engagement across the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico, delivering sales tax policy insights that led to a 15% enhancement in relationship quality.
- Calculated estimated tax liabilities / credits for and issued payment instructions to facilitate timely corporate tax payments.
- Tackled multifaceted sales tax dilemmas, delivering tailored recommendations on tax implications that empowered customers and partners to mitigate risk and optimize their tax positions.
- Streamlined the accuracy of tax records through dedicated biweekly tax return reconciliations, averting potential compliance issues and solidifying the integrity of financial reporting practices..

SKILLS

Sarbanes-Oxley Testing
Documentation
Audit planning
Adaptability
Leadership
Analysis
Internal controls evaluation
Risk Assessment/management
COSO/COBIT
Project Management
Python
Microsoft Office Suite
ISO Standards 9000 and 27000
Teamwork/Communication
Legislation Compliance

CERTIFICATES

Fundamentals of Digital Marketing

Google

Sep 2022

IBM Cybersecurity Analyst Professional Certificate

Coursera