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#READYFORWORK After careers in graphic design, sign making and manufacturing production, I reignited my long dormant passion for coding. Starting with a few online courses, I ramped up my education by joining a full-time in-person C# .NET bootcamp to level up my skills. I'm now completing a part-time bootcamp focusing on the front end to balance my skillset as I look to become a full-stack developer. I bring with me a lifetime of diverse experiences that makes me an outstanding candidate to fill an entry-level position where I can be nurtured to quickly grow into more junior- and mid-level roles. Open to relocation in the Mid-West and along the Hwy 401 corridor between Windsor, ON and Montréal, QC.

EDUCATION

- **NuCamp** | Certificate (Graduating September 2021) | Full-Stack Development: HTML, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, jQuery, React, React Native, Node, and MongoDB
- **Grand Circus** | Certificate | C# .NET Software Development: OOP, MVC, SQL, TTD, APIs, ASP, Razor, Version Control, and Agile
- **Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology** | Associate of Arts | Graphic Design
- **University of Toronto** | Bachelor of Science | Astronomy

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Salesforce Administrator** | Salesforce
- **Certified ScrumMaster** | Scrum Alliance
- **ITIL Foundation** | AXELOS
- **Lean Six Sigma Green Belt** | Lean Sigma Corporation
- **Technical Writing** | Western Michigan University

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Associate Software Developer | DART CONTAINER | Mason, MI | May 2020 – November 2020

- Worked through support tickets in C# and JavaScript to track down bugs and help solve software issues.
- Participated in Scrum sprints.
- Earned Salesforce Administration and Certified ScrumMaster certifications.

Web Developer | CHAMELEON POWER | Novi, MI | February 2020 – February 2020

- On team of developers that modified existing JavaScript visual display applications to suit needs of new and existing clients.
- Worked through production tickets to eliminate bugs and solve problems.

Developer | NEXIENT | Ann Arbor, MI | October 2019 – December 2019

- Upgraded skills in backend development through C# and .NET core, database design and management through SQL, and frontend development through HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Blazor and React.

Student Developer | GRAND CIRCUS PROJECT | Grand Rapids, MI | June 2019 – August 2019

- On team of student developers that crafted air quality application from scratch using the C# language in .NET Core Framework with Visual Studio 2019.
- Imported air quality readings from databases hosting sensor data, and using a weather forecast API calculated current and predicted Air Quality Indexes for user's location by triangulating position of closest sensor via Google Maps API.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Press Operator | ADVANCE PACKAGING | Grand Rapids, MI | October 2018 – October 2018

- Kept track of order sequence in order to install the correct dies and printing plates, and load correct cardboard for the current job.

Insurance Sales | SELF-EMPLOYED | Grandville, MI | May 2018 – September 2018

- Met with clients to assess their situation, and matched policy options that fit their needs and budget.

Technical Operator | LG CHEM MICHIGAN | Holland, MI | June 2015 – October 2017

- Managed high-quality manufacturing operations in lithium battery cell production.
- Led quality functions to ensure technical consistency across production.
- Recorded daily service and operations results using technical forms and production logs.
- Established priorities for the maintenance of production system and equipment.
- Promoted quality manufacturing, lean production, and continuous improvement by authoring proposal to retrain operators in best practices to curtail wasted downtime and loss of materials that would have improved throughput enough to eliminate one Saturday of overtime a month.

Machine Operator | THE STOW COMPANY | Holland, MI | October 2013 – June 2015

- Programmed and operated a wide variety of industrial panel saws, edgebanders, drill presses, and other manufacturing equipment used in production of wood shelving.
- Cleaned and maintained equipment, and performed regular tool changes.
- Consistently delivered on KPI measures within machining operations, including safety compliance, quality standards, cost control, process reliability and production volume.

Production Manager | MICHIGAN CUSTOM SIGNS | Holland, MI | November 2009 – April 2013

- Served as lead designer and managed in-house production operations.
- Worked with clients to create eye-catching signs, from initial concepts to final products by developing graphics and illustrations with Illustrator and Photoshop in the Adobe Creative Suite.
- Operated and maintained large format Roland SOLJET printer and large format laminator.
- Managed inventory control to make sure materials were available when needed.
- Ran Cyrious Control POS system to generate estimates and invoices, and track financials.

Graphic Designer | SIGNS NOW HOLLAND | Holland, MI | July 2001 – July 2007

- Created eye-catching sign designs from salespeople's copy in Gerber Advantage sign software.
- Managed work orders and completed assigned tasks in a timely manner.
- Operated and maintained vinyl plotters and thermal printer.
- Kept track of inventory and ordered supplies as needed.

Production Manager | SOUTH SIDE STORY | Sudbury, ON | November 1995 – December 2000

- Managed ad production and final layout for monthly newspaper using QuarkXPress, Macromedia FreeHand and Adobe Photoshop.
- Created eye-catching ads from salespeople's copy.
- Inputted copy and ads, scanned photos, and created graphics for insertion into issue.
- Supervised creation of film negatives and printing.

Graphic Designer | SELF-EMPLOYED | Various Locations | May 1994 – December 2015

- Provided clients custom solutions with graphic design, illustration, websites, printed materials, logos and marketing solutions using Adobe and Macromedia software suites.
- Managed day-to-day operations of small business.
- Operated and maintained computer systems and large format printing equipment.
- Provided training and instruction in computer operation and graphic design, including production of custom reference materials.