Dear Dan –

Nicole Rhoads at the News Service passed along the job posting for Web Designer at the College of Engineering.

I believe I have the strong understanding of web technologies that the position requires. My degree is in performing arts technology, a large part of which focused on computer programming, design, and media. Additionally, I have over four years of experience working as a web designer at the University of Michigan, so I'm confident I would be successful in this job!

In particular, I find the focus on new media, mobile platforms, and multimedia to be really interesting facets of this position. As a programmer with a degree that included audio and film, I love working with this sort of media integration.

Thanks for considering my application!

Ben Collins

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Web Designer

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Work experience

University of Michigan News Service
June 2007 - Present
Rewrote back end security, integrated Joomla template, designed multimedia slideshow

Michigan Today
June 2007 - Present
Designed custom content management system

University Record
June 2007 - Present
Site maintenence, designed custom search engine, created custom ad server

Institute for Social Research
April 2008 - April 2009
Designed custom content management system, site maintenence, video editing

40 Oz Sound
May 2007 - Sept 2008
Audio engineering, mixing, mastering and editing

Professional skills

Coding HTML/CSS
Expert level experience writing clean, standards compliant code with focus on accessibility

Adobe Creative Suite
I utilize Photoshop, Illustrator, and Dreamweaver for front-end design

Flash
Experience creating sites using Adobe Flash, including dynamic database interaction with ActionScript 3

JavaScript/JQuery
Good working knowledge

CMS and PHP frameworks
Experience working with content management systems and frameworks including: Wordpress, Joomla, Drupal, CodeIgniter, and Tumblr

Education

Bachelor's degree
University of Michigan
Performing Arts Techology
2004-2010

Selected work

U-M NS redesign
Custom Joomla template
Still in production. Screenshot at:
http://ns.umich.edu/UM_Redesign.png

Michigan Today
Custom CMS
http://michigantoday.umich.edu

U-M NS slideshow
Dynamic flash slideshow
http://ns.umich.edu/slideshows/commencement_10

Online Portfolio
Additional work
http://bencollins.co