

# Caroline Pastrano

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**EDUCATION** **University of Texas, Austin** **May 2026**  
Master of Science, Information Studies  
conc. UX, Human-Computer Interaction  
Overall GPA: 3.95

**University of Texas, Austin** **May 2024**  
Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience  
Computer Science Certificate, Minor in Philosophy  
Overall GPA: 3.78

**WORK EXPERIENCE** **UT Web Development** **June 2025 - Present**  
*UX Student Associate*

- Perform user testing to improve satisfaction with web development services
- Produce visual design and user interaction recommendations for software developers to implement
- Manage test and production databases for UT web services

**UT Supplemental Instruction** **August 2024 - Present**  
*Graduate Assistant*

- Coordinate events and create educational materials for the SI program
- Collaborate in completing administrative tasks to ensure SI runs smoothly
- Analyze data regarding student satisfaction and academic outcomes resulting in a 15% growth in SI attendance

**UT Sanger Learning Center** **August 2022 - May 2024**  
*Peer Tutor*

- Tutored UT students in biology, chemistry, and computer science
- Supervised small group drop-in tutoring sessions for effective collaboration
- Mentored underclassmen in developing effective study habits and adjusting to university life

**UTCS Summer Academies** **June 2021 - July 2021**  
*Program Assistant*

- Taught high school students to program in C++ and use an Arduino simulation
- Facilitated group work and collaboration in a virtual setting

**PROJECTS** **CapMetro Usability Study** **September 2024 - December 2024**  
Conducted a usability study on the app for CapMetro, Austin's public transportation service. Performed a heuristic evaluation, competitive analysis, and user testing.

**Pass it Forward Mobile App** **February 2025 - April 2025**  
Fully prototyped a "buy-nothing" app using Figma. Conducted user interviews and competitive analysis, created lo-, mid-, and hi-fi prototypes, created design system, conducted iterative user testing throughout.

**SKILLS** **Technology:** Python (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn), HTML/CSS/JavaScript, MySQL, Microsoft Office Suite, Zoom, Figma, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop

**Research and Design:** heuristic evaluation, competitive analysis, user testing, wireframing, interaction design, data analysis and visualization

**COURSEWORK** **Graduate:** Visual Design, Usability, UX Prototyping, Interaction Design, UX Hardware Design, Accessible UX

**Undergraduate:** Data Visualization, Data Analytics, Software Design, Databases, Game Development