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### design.

#### **Incoming Product Design Intern** | Microsoft, Facebook

• Designing for M365, Ads and Business Products

# **UX Designer** | UW Blueprint, Distress Centre Calgary january 2021 - present

 Designing a customizable and permutable 3D escape room game for mental health and crisis education

### **UX Design & Research Intern** | WSIB Innovation Lab september 2020 - december 2020

- Designed and conducted 10+ user interviews, simulations, and workshops, and derived insights for workers of all demographics returning to work after COVID-19
- Led interaction/accessibility design for a WSIB COVID-19 screening survey and validation application in Figma with a 92+ usability score
- Wrote an academic paper outlining the importance and methods of localization UX

### **UX Designer** | BeBlended Inc., NEXT 36 '20

may 2020 - september 2020

- Transformed the hairstylist booking experience, led design strategy, designed human-centric solutions for 900+ users in Figma
- Led user research and curated transformative insights from 11+ user interviews, surveys, and problem validation

### Graphic Designer & Product Manager | Scotiabank

january 2020 - april 2020

- Designed modern visual assets and created unique branding for internal newsletter in accordance to the Scotiabank design system
- Conducted 5 user interviews, identifying trends in user pain-points and goals to identify user needs and define product features

#### extracurriculars.

# **Design Content Creator + Strategist** | Design Buddies july 2020 - december 2020

Writing UX Design articles for a community of 10,000+ designers

#### education.

#### **University of Waterloo**

september 2018 (2022 grad)

Bachelor of Computer Science Computer Science + English 3.6/4.0 GPA

#### tools.

Figma CSS
Sketch HTML
Photoshop Swift
Illustrator Javascript
Useberry Maze

#### skills.

Human-centric Design
Visual Design
User Testing
User Researching
User Interviewing
Information Architecture
Interaction Design
Software Development
Academic Writing

#### achievements.

Grace Hopper 2020 Scholar Adobe Designathon Top 2.5%

#### fun.

Illustrating Joke cracking

Swimming Baking