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Objective

Dedicated and enthusiastic young professional who is highly skilled in communication, conflict resolution, team leadership, and ArcGIS products. As a soon-to-be graduate from the Fleming College GIS (Applications Specialist) program, I am looking to leverage my knowledge and experience into a full-time role focused on using GIS.

Education

Post Graduate Certificate

Fleming College (September 2019 – June 2020)

- Geographic Information Systems – Applications Specialist
- Topics of focus include cartography, spatial analysis, web design, programming, remote sensing, database development, environmental modelling, and surveying/CAD mapping

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

University of Toronto (2014 – 2018)

- Major in Environmental Geography, Minor in Geographic Information Systems, Minor in Sociology

Relevant Work Experience

Student Collaborative Project

Fleming College, in partnership with Feed Ontario (March 2020 – June 2020)

- Collaboration with Fleming College and Feed Ontario to develop a web mapping application to communicate food bank usage over time across Ontario
- Involves data acquisition and preprocessing, spatial and statistical analysis, visualization/presentation in the form of cartographic outputs embedded in a webpage, and enterprise/web technology

Key Skills

Software

- ESRI ArcGIS products (ArcMap, ArcCatalog, ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Enterprise)
- PCI Geomatica
- Microsoft Office Suite (including Microsoft Access and Visio)
- FME Workbench
- Oracle SQL Developer
- AutoCAD
- Adobe Illustrator
- Avenza MAPublisher

Programming Languages

- Python (including ArcPy module)
- SQL
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Certifications

- Standard First Aid with CPR-C (Lifesaving Society, certified September 2018)
- Ontario G2 driver's license
- Principles of Healthy Child Development (High Five)
- City of Toronto CLASS Program Registration & Point of Sale, Part-Time Supervisor Competency

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Additional Work Experience

Receptionist (Wellesley Place)

City of Toronto – Employment and Social Services (May 2019 – August 2019)

- Collaborated with a dedicated team of Receptionists, Administrative Staff, Caseworkers, Supervisors, and Security Guards to provide a safe and welcoming environment for some of Toronto's most marginalized populations
- Utilized computerized applications such as Electronic Payment Application (EPA), Electronic Transit Application (ETA), and Fair Pass Application (FPA) to issue benefits to clients in the form of cheques, drug benefit cards, RBC reloadable payment cards, bus tokens, and Presto cards
- Maintained manual and computerized filing and retrieval systems for records/documents

Facility In-Charge, Youth Program Leader, Specialty Instructor, Camp Counsellor

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation (March 2012 – May 2019)

- Planned and led instructional and drop-in programs for children aged 18 months to 14 years, for groups of up to 60 children
- Ensured programs were flexible and allowed for effective integration of all participants regardless of skill level or ability, adapting constantly to suit the diverse needs of all participants
- Promptly dealt with incidents and problems involving participants, families, and the general public
- Collaborated with staff, participants, and parents/caregivers to ensure the success of the programs

Summer Camp Location Co-ordinator

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation (May 2017 – September 2018)

- Assisted with the planning and implementation of camp-wide activities events for groups of approximately 60 children
- Provided ongoing direction and feedback to camp staff to support skill and professional development
- Supported recruitment, hiring and training of staff and volunteers
- Provided exceptional customer service to program participants and the public, both on- and off-site
- Maintained accurate records of program participants' personal information and program attendance

Programming Intern (Urban Agriculture)

Evergreen Brick Works (September 2017 – April 2018)

- Provided support to develop Evergreen's urban agriculture programming, as well as for the ongoing execution of the Don River Valley Park and Learning Grounds programs
- Supported the delivery of urban agriculture grant asks
- Reviewed case studies of successful urban agriculture practices on both the national and international levels, and identified areas for programming development within the organization