

# Nick O'Brien

*Contributing geographic knowledge and computer expertise to every GIS project.*

## Summary of Qualifications

- Proficiency in ArcGIS, Spatial Analyst, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator
- Proven map making, database organization, and graphic design skill sets, recently named *Outstanding Cartographer of the Year* by the University of Wisconsin – River Falls Geography Department
- Strong professional communication skills and have the ability to perform under pressure

## Education and Achievements

### Master of Science in Geographical Information Science and Web Map Programming

University of Wisconsin – Madison

Expected August 2018

- Studied ArcGIS, Spatial Analyst Extension, map design, cartographic principles, geostatistical analysis, SQL, Python, geodatabase design, UI/UX design, big data visualization, and mobile app development

### Bachelor of Science in Geography, Minor in Cartography and Geographical Information Science

University of Wisconsin – River Falls (UWRF)

December 2014

- Studied ArcGIS, Spatial Analyst Extension, Idrisi, cartographic principles, map design, map projections, GPS data collection, data conversion, geodatabase creation and organization, creation of metadata, statistics, Dean's List, Member Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society, graduated with senior merit

### Associate of Science in Photography

Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, MN

December 2011

- Studied digital photography, graphic design, Adobe Creative Suite, 3.8 GPA, President's List, Member Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, graduated with honors

## Technical Skills

ArcGis

AutoCad

Adobe InDesign

ArcCatalog

Geocoding

Adobe Photoshop

ArcOnline

Spatial Analyst

SPSS

Arc Collector App

Idrisi (Raster)

SharePoint

GE Smallworld

Adobe Illustrator

Microsoft Office

## GIS Experience

### GIS Specialist II – Westwood Professional Services, Minneapolis, MN

2016 – Present

- Provide independent data interpretation while effectively maintain data documentation
- Creating and modify GIS datasets; managing and maintaining legacy GIS datasets; developing and implementing GIS-based analyses supporting civil engineering or survey projects
- Produce technically skilled and detailed solutions to include preparing clear, complete, and accurate representations of spatial data using hardcopy and/or electronic media
- Assist with infrastructure planning to minimize environment issues, process field data and assemble as-built information

### Geospatial Data Technician II – Xcel Energy (Contract), Minneapolis, MN

2015 – 2016

- Provide GIS support and data management on assigned projects
- Research, interpret, and analyze company records
- Validate and edit gas distribution data to ensure system integrity
- Digitize and maintain gas facilities based on data quality standards

### GIS Intern – GIS Technician, Department of Public Works, New Richmond, WI

2014-2015

- Created and edited base GIS layers on a regular basis to maintain the most current and accurate information
- Created project maps and display maps in coordination with city projects
- Performed spatial data analysis, database management, data conversion, research, data entry, and reported as needed in coordination with city projects
- Worked in the field independently using GPS equipment
- Collaborated with team members for GIS projects
- Utilized basic Python scripting and model builder