# Sara Niasati

**UX** Designer

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#### **PROFILE**

Driven and inquisitive recent graduate holding a Cognitive Systems degree from UBC, with valuable experience as a User Experience Research Assistant. Proficient in creating user-centric designs and adept at identifying behavioral patterns in cognitive agents engaging with technology. Recently accomplished a comprehensive UX Design program at BrainStation. Currently further enhancing skills in creating exceptional user experiences as well as designing and developing intuitive user interfaces.

#### **SKILLS**

User Research, User Strategy, Card Sorting, User Flows, Persona Development, Storyboarding, User Journey Mapping, Information Architecture, Interaction Design, Visual Design, UI Design, Wireframing, Prototyping, Responsive Design, A/B Testing, Usability Heuristics, Usability Evaluation, Front-End Development

#### **TOOLS**

Figma, Sketch, Adobe InDesign, Adobe XD, InVision, Pitch, Miro, HTML, CSS

#### EXPERIENCE

#### Acting Team Leader | YMCA BC

JUN 2023 - Present, VANCOUVER, BC

- Began to lead a team of 5+ staff with administrative, scheduling, and training duties within 6 months of employment.
- Promoted teamwork and ensured effective communication among team members.
- Collaborated with management to improve operational efficiency and member experience.
- Implemented regular check-ins with staff and team members to provide support, address concerns, and follow their career goals.

## Member Experience Representative | YMCA BC

JAN 2022 - JUN 2023, VANCOUVER, BC

- Promoted membership and program sales and services while ensuring exemplary customer service
- Ensured member satisfaction and safety by overseeing fitness floor and programming, providing support in program areas, and diffusing conflicts through Non-violent Crisis Intervention methodology.
- Recorded and reported on member satisfaction, interest trends, and activities, and assisted with training new staff and volunteers in procedures and practices.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### BrainStation | Diploma, User Experience Design

SEP 2022 - MAY 2023, VANCOUVER, BC

• Winning Team of Industry Hackathon, BrainStation X Shopify

# University of British Columbia | Bachelor of Science, Cognitive Systems

SEP 2019 - JUL 2022, VANCOUVER, BC

- Teaching Assistant for Research Methods in Cognitive Systems COGS 303
- 2021-2022 Dean's List

#### **PROJECTS**

### UX Designer | Mindful Moda

MAY 2023, BrainStation

• Drove the end-to-end design process of a mobile app, incorporating design thinking methodologies, UX research, agile development practices, and design software for a high-fidelity result.

#### UX Research Assistant | Beyond the Bulging Binder

OCT 2022, Sensory Perception & Interaction, Research Group, UBC

Conducted literature review and user interviews to identify needs and pain
points. Developed user requirements and implemented them into low and
high-fidelity mock-ups of a mobile app. Analyzed cognitive walkthrough
interviews with users to improve interface design.