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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I'm a UX designer living for the moments when surprisingly simple solutions amplify the effectiveness of our work. I am a candid, visual communicator, continuously soliciting feedback and giving rolling updates, while still prioritising expertise over ego to get the job done.

Based in Toronto. Open to relocate to Vancouver.

EXPERIENCE

UX Designer, Revolve Surgical Inc

June 2023 – April 2024 · Toronto

- Gathered and combined needs and constraints from engineering and business into new user-centric vision for an A-round medical robotics startup.
- Designed north star concept for general-purpose, low-cost surgical robotic arm, articulated through visual concepts and user flows.
- Produced documentation to ensure clear and seamless handoff to engineering within cross-functional organisation.

Photography Department Lead, Anthrocon Inc

June 2022 – Present · Pittsburgh (Seasonal Hybrid)

- Leading digital photography department as part of a new strategic vision for a 17,000+ attendee annual event.
- Translates high-level strategic direction into on-the-ground direction to empower team of 8 staff photographers.
- Elevates attendee experience through cross-functional planning and collaboration with fellow department leads.

EDUCATION

UX/UI Design, BrainStation

June 2024 · Certificate

- UX research, wireframing, concept sketching, and Figma prototyping.

BDES Industrial & Product Design, OCAD University

April 2024 · Undergraduate degree

- Specialised in the fields of UX and service design
- Graduated with Distinction, equivalent GPA of 3.9

DESIGN METHODS

- Personas
- Service mapping
- Accessible design
- Agile methodology
- Wireframing
- UI prototyping
- User interviewing
- Concept testing
- Usability testing
- Mixed-methods research
- Information architecture
- User journey mapping

SKILLS

Problem-solving

- Dedicated to moving past the superficial to identify true design needs & challenges
- Enthusiastic about whiteboarding and ideation
- Excited about user research and testing

Clear & candid communication

- Continuously solicits feedback
- Habitually gives rolling updates
- Confident with stakeholder management

Collaboration

- At home in cross-disciplinary teams
- Empathetic, keen to understand others' perspectives
- Puts expertise over ego to get the job done

Conceptual visual design

- Proficient in UI wireframing and prototyping
- Efficient & perceptive visual communicator

SOFTWARE

Concept development & whiteboarding

- FigJam
- Miro
- Notion
- Microsoft Office

Mockups & prototyping

- Figma
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Webflow
- HTML/CSS/Javascript
- React.js
- Unity game engine
- Blender