



Valery Nkenguruke

Analytical Cognitive Scientist and Team Leader with a proven track record of managing teams of over 15 staff and optimizing operational workflows in high-pressure environments. I combine deep critical thinking with emerging technical proficiency in Python and C++ to solve complex organizational challenges and drive efficiency. Currently advancing my expertise through a Magister in Computer Science, my ambition is to bridge the gap between human behavior and data-driven decision-making to create tangible value for my organization. I am seeking a challenging role where I can leverage my leadership experience and analytical mindset to contribute to team success and continuous development.

Personal

Name

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Interests

Reading scientific as well non-scientific literature

Programming

Gym and Basketball

Languages

Swedish Fluent

English Fluent

French Intermediate

Kirundi Native

Work experience

Correctional officer

Jun 2024 - Dec 2025

Correctional services, Sala

- Maintain a safe and structured environment for inmates and staff by supervising daily routines and consistently following security protocols.
- Resolve conflicts and acute situations through calm, solution-oriented communication and close collaboration with colleagues.
- Build professional, respectful relationships with inmates to reduce tension and support a stable atmosphere on the ward.
- Document incidents and follow-ups accurately, ensuring correct information for legal, safety and organisational purposes.

Team Leader/Lab Technician

Apr 2021 - Apr 2023

Eurofins Covid labs, Uppsala

- Led an evening team of 15+ colleagues handling high volumes of COVID-19 samples, ensuring that strict quality and safety routines were followed.
- Coordinated workflows and distributed tasks to meet tight deadlines, which improved turnaround times and reduced bottlenecks in the laboratory process.
- Trained and supported new and existing team members on procedures, documentation and equipment, contributing to a more independent and efficient team.
- Monitored results and deviations, communicated clearly with managers and other departments, and helped solve operational issues before they escalated.
- Held informal feedback talks, supported conflict resolution and promoted a calm, solution-oriented work climate during periods of high pressure.

Nursing assistant

May 2023 - Aug 2023

The city of Uppsala, Uppsala

- Supported elderly individuals and people with disabilities in their daily lives, helping with personal care, meals and routines while safeguarding dignity and autonomy.
- Followed individual care plans and medication routines in close collaboration with nurses and other staff, ensuring safe and consistent care.
- Encouraged social interaction and meaningful activities, contributing to higher quality of life and wellbeing for residents.
- Built trusting relationships with residents and relatives through empathy, active listening and clear communication.
- Handled stressful and emotionally demanding situations in a calm and professional way, maintaining focus on safety and respectful treatment.

Restaurant & Customer Service Staff

May 2018 - Mar 2020

IKEA Sundsvall, Sundsvall

- Delivered fast and friendly service in a high-traffic restaurant environment, handling both cashier work and food service with a focus on customer satisfaction.
- Ensured that food preparation, serving areas and dining spaces were clean, organised and well-stocked, contributing to a safe and pleasant guest experience.
- Collaborated closely with kitchen and front-of-house colleagues to keep queues down and orders flowing smoothly during peak hours.
- Handled payments, orders and customer questions accurately and efficiently, maintaining a calm and

professional attitude even under pressure.

- Developed strong skills in teamwork, communication and service-mindedness in a diverse and fast-paced workplace.

Activity Leader (LSS Summer Camp)

Feb 2021 - Mar 2021

The city of Stockholm, Stockholm

- Planned and led activities adapted to participants with varying needs, ensuring that everyone could take part in a safe and enjoyable way.
- Created a structured, inclusive atmosphere that reduced worries and encouraged participation and social interaction.
- Handled conflicts and challenging situations calmly and professionally, always focusing on safety and respect.
- Collaborated with colleagues to coordinate daily schedules, share information and respond quickly to changing needs.
- Strengthened my skills in empathy, leadership and flexibility in a demanding but rewarding environment.

Education and Qualifications

Magister in Computer/Data Science

Sep 2025 - Jun 2026

Skövde University, Skövde

- Studies focused on programming, data analysis and basic machine learning, with emphasis on Python and modern data tools.
- Learning to work with data pipelines, databases and analytical workflows that support decision-making and problem-solving.
- Developing skills in structuring, analysing and visualising data in a way that is useful for organisations.

Master's in Cognitive Science

Sep 2023 - Jun 2025

Lund University, Lund

- Interdisciplinary programme combining psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, linguistics and computer science to understand human cognition and behaviour.
- Trained in research methods, statistics and critical analysis of scientific literature.
- Worked with questions about decision-making, perception, memory and human-technology interaction.

Bachelor's in Theoretical Philosophy (minor in Psychology)

Aug 2019 - Jan 2023

Uppsala University, Uppsala

- Studied logic, philosophy of mind, epistemology and the foundations of science, with a strong focus on clear reasoning and argumentation.
- Complemented with psychology courses on behaviour, emotions and mental processes.
- Developed strong skills in analytical thinking, academic writing and critical evaluation of complex ideas.

References

References available on request.

Skills

Python



Machine Learning



Analytical thinking & problem-solving



Critical thinking

