





AUDREY DICKERSON

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a direct care art instructor with 3 years of fostering safe, accessible community spaces by offering compassionate, collaborative support to help clients achieve their goals. In group lessons, I create opportunities to explore familiar techniques using distinctive art mediums such as metalpoint drawing, and the artists build their confidence in exploring new prospects while improving technical skills. Successfully, I advocated for safety procedures, reorganizing how tools and equipment are stored and distributed. I strive to instill confidence, self-advocacy, and independence in clients in a way that promotes a safe, inclusive workplace and community.

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EDUCATION

AAS Illustration

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
2021-2024
Honors (2021-2024)

High school Diploma

Three Rivers High School
2016-2020
National Honor Society (Cecil DeLong Chapterhouse) (2019-2020)

CTE Welding (2019-2020)

Arts: Best in Show (2019), Principal Award (2018, 2019), Pure Michigan (2018), Jonathan Seman Award (2018)

CERTIFICATIONS

MANDT Intermediate

First Aid, CPR, AED

Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk

Trauma-Informed Care

Administering Medication

WORK EXPERIENCE

Direct Care Art Instructor

June 2024 - Now

MRC Artworks (330 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007)

- Instructed on workplace skills and art techniques using teaching strategies tailored to the individual needs and wants of the recipients/artists.
- Collaborated in incident response efforts and facilitated documentation, ensuring minimal disruption to operations.
- Documented progress notes daily and audited notes weekly to ensure compliance with Medicaid, CARF, and QMR standards.
- Developed and implemented small and large group lesson plans that explored new mediums and art concepts.
- Ensured that recipient rights and confidentiality were protected per agency policy and the Mental Health Code.
- Advocated for procedures to ensure the health and safety of recipients and staff.

Retail Associate & On-Call Art Instructor


June 2023 - June 2024

MRC Artworks (330 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007)


- Educated customers on the benefits of the program for adults with disabilities and the opportunities the program provides.
- Curated art displays to best highlight individual styles of artists.
- Managed store operations during opening and closing shifts, ensuring all procedures were followed.
- Worked hands-on with artists to motivate and stimulate creativity, and independent problem solving to help artists reach their highest potential in the art market.
- Ensured flexibility by shifting focus as needed between roles to prioritize tasks that best enabled an equitable and productive work environment.


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SKILLS

Collaborative problem solving

Interpersonal communication

Adaptability

Attentive to people

Safety compliance


Relationship building

Creative Thinking

REFERENCES

Jonathan Kraker

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Emily Scheffers

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Direct Support Job Coach (seasonal)

MRC Industries (2538 S 26th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048)

Summer 2023

Goodwill, (Job site Expo Center: 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048)

Summer 2022

- Modeled safe use of equipment and instructed on the task responsibilities of recipients.
- Managed time and breaks, coordinated with the Kalamazoo Parks' managers and rangers.
- Promoted independence, appropriate workplace and social skills through encouragement, modeling, redirection, and praise.
- Documented weekly progress notes and composed a final report.

Retail Associate

Aug 2022 - May 2023

Spirit Shoppe (4510 W KI Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49006)

- Verified the accuracy and quality of custom orders.
- Ensured a clean, well-stocked storefront by performing regular inventory checks.
- Assisted customers in finding apparel and merchandise.
- Handled daily transactions and processed business invoices.

Order Fulfillment Associate

Sept. 2021 - April 2022

Lowe's Home Improvement (5125 W Main St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009)

- Provided product recommendations for customers and assisted in locating.
- Checked inventory discrepancies while gathering merchandise.
- Pulled and staged merchandise for curbside and pick up later.
- Successfully handled issues and returns at the customer service center over the phone and in person.

Child Care provider

Dec. 2020 - July 2021

First Place learning center, 17795 6th Avenue Rd., Three Rivers, MI 49093

- Delivered age-appropriate care and supervision across multiple classrooms, supporting developmental needs from infancy through school age.
- Fostered children's health habits by instructing on virus prevention, eating, resting, and toilet habits.
- Communicated with guardians regarding daily activities and behaviors.
- Facilitated online learning for children in the school-age classroom from ages 5-11.
- Cleaned and sanitized the classroom and shared spaces daily.