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Art Educator

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Education

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Bachelor of Arts Spring 2025
Concentration: Art Education Minor: Art History **GPA: 3.99**

Bachelor of Arts Summer 2019
Concentration: Studio Art Minor: English **GPA: 3.99**

Experience

Chesapeake Public Schools, Chesapeake VA January 2025-Present
Teacher Candidate Internship, Southwestern Elementary School and Hickory High School

- Designed and implemented engaging, cross-curricular art lessons for diverse K–12 learners
- Fostered student connection and classroom community through shared creative expression
- Differentiated instruction to meet individual student needs, incorporating visual, tactile, and verbal learning strategies

Substitute Teacher April 2024-January 2025

- Delivered effective instruction by quickly adapting to teacher-prepared lesson plans
- Maintained classroom structure and engagement by consistently reinforcing school-wide expectations
- Built quick rapport with students to support a positive and focused learning environment

Painting With a Twist, Chesapeake VA September 2020-August 2024
Artist Instructor

- Prepared class environment by creating example paintings and arranging materials in advance
- Led dynamic, stage-style painting demonstrations for fifteen to fifty participants per session
- Tracked and restocked art inventory to ensure smooth operations and cost efficiency
- Resolved customer and technical issues in real time through creative improvisation and clear communication

Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, Suffolk VA May 2021-June 2022
Ceramics Instructor

- Taught foundational ceramics skills—including hand-building and wheel throwing—to multi-age learners
- Demonstrated techniques and provided individualized feedback to support skill development
- Promoted a safe, inclusive classroom by clearly communicating procedures and expectations

Exhibitions

Festival Artist, Hampton Roads, VA

April 2013-Present

- 20 Art Markets (February 2024-December 2024)
- *Collaborative* hosted by the Virginia Beach Art Center (June 2024)
- *100 Minis Exhibition* hosted by The Garage VB (April 2024)
- 31 Art Markets (February 2023-December 2023)
- *Chesapeake Spring Art Festival* hosted by the Chesapeake Rotary Club (April 2022)
- *Walk on the Wild Side* hosted by the Suffolk Center (March 2022-May 2022)
- *Suffolk Art Gallery Annual Juried Exhibition 2021* (October 2021-December 2021)
- *Small Business Saturday in the Vibe* hosted by the Vibe Creative District (November 2021)
- *Sauce: 2021 ODU Alumni Exhibition* (October-November 2021)
- *From the Earth* presented by the VB Art Center (May 2021)
- *ODU Dean's Selection Exhibition* (2020-21)
- *The 757* presented by VB Art Center (April 2021)
- *Believe, Dream, Inspire* presented by the VB Art Center (March 2021)
- *September* presented by Art Works Inc. Richmond, VA (September-October 2020)
- *VA, We Love You Digital Exhibition* presented by Utopia Feni Gallery VA Beach (2020)
- *ODU Student Juried Art Exhibition*, hosted by the Baron Ellen Gordon Galleries (2020)

Skills

- *Computer:* Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Docs, Google Slides, Wix Website Builder, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom

Certifications

- Childhood Abuse and Neglect Training, CPR/AED/First Aid, Dyslexia Training, Cultural Competency Training, Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Elementary and Secondary Schools, Bloodborne Pathogen Training, Praxis Passing Score, VCLA Passing Score, K-12 teaching license expected 2025

Academic Awards:

- Old Dominion University College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Student Award (2025)
- Melinda Vooss ArtFully Yours Memorial Art Education Scholarship for Preservice Teachers (2025)
- Old Dominion University College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Student Award (2019)
- ODU Presidential Scholarship (Fall 2015-Spring 2019)
- Dean's List (Fall 2015-Spring 2019)

References

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