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Educational Leader

Accomplished and results-oriented academic professional with strong commitments to leverage 15+ years of teaching, curriculum design, educational leadership, project and program management, and distance education experience across various industry.

Proven track record of designing and implementing curriculum and instruction as well as planning and executing effective/efficient programs to drive academic excellence. Strong knowledge of Learning Management System (LMS) with passion for managing training sites, building and implementing LMS, and leading trainings via webinars. Success in leading teaching and learning initiatives and delivering comprehensive student support services to promote student development in multicultural and inclusive learning environments. Visionary leader with expertise in training and leading teams to achieve shared visions and goals. Demonstrated commitment to advancing equity, inclusion, and diversity in internal organizational work. Skilled in developing staffing models, academic and leadership pipeline strategies, professional development plans, and ongoing mission to support learners in the development and realization of career aspirations through strategic planning and leadership development.

Areas of Expertise

- Instructional Program Planning & Execution
- Curriculum Design & Development
- Skills Training & Development
- Distance Learning at Scale
- Student Engagement & Motivation
- Project Planning & Management
- Management and Supervision
- Learner Success & Retention
- Continuous Process Improvement
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- Stakeholder management
- Data-Driven Decision-Making

Education and Credentials

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Management - *cum laude*

Walden University

Master of Science (MS) in Information Technology - *magna cum laude*

Capella University

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology - *summa cum laude*

Argosy University

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Liberal Arts (concentration in Economics and Political Science)

Excelsior College

Associate of Arts (AA) in General - *cum laude*

Santa Fe Community College

Associate of Science (AS) in Web Design and Interactive Media - *summa cum laude*

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division

Professional Certifications

- Certificate in Internet Marketing, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division- *President's Award*
- Certificate in Intellectual Property, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Life Coach Certifications, Transformation Academy and Achology

Professional Experience

Tutor.com, Remote

Apr 2019 to Present

Tutor in English Essay and Doctoral Writing, ELL, & Career Help

Facilitate comprehensive understanding of assignment requirements with a focus on fostering improved performance among students. Motivate and empower students to elevate quality of their work while promoting interactive learning and critical thinking. Evaluate and implement various instructional technologies, including interactive whiteboards, voice, and chat tools to ensure engaging and effective learning environment.

- Provides expert guidance to students in diverse subjects, including college essay composition, doctoral dissertation crafting, and resume and cover letter optimization.
- Guides, mentors, and manages students in refining foundational aspects, such as grammar and sentence structure, and advanced concepts, including thesis development and paragraph structuring to enable them to make substantial revisions independently.
- Received various recognitions through delivery of excellent services.

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division, Remote

Aug 2006 to Mar 2019

Associate Professor

Oversaw and curated the virtual classroom environment and customized content to accommodate diverse learning styles and enhance each student's ability to attain course learning objectives. Coordinated cooperative classroom ambiance, fostering environment. Ensured prompt and precise evaluation of assignments and projects, contributing to seamless learning journey for students. Monitored student progress and resolved student-related concerns with academic advisors to nurture positive educational experience. Identified and addressed technical/academic incidents with relevant authorities to confirm end-to-end seamless operations. Engaged in staff and team meetings to cultivate open exchange of ideas and facilitate effective collaboration. Established and strengthened long-term professional with students and stakeholders through excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

- Led special projects classes, managing individual students and specialized student teams in successful execution of multimedia projects to meet client requirements related to the development of novel features, such as user registration, galleries, and payment options.
- Organized, executed, and steered webinars covering a range of topics, including academic achievement, career readiness, design standards, volunteerism, and personal well-being.
- Delivered valuable guidance to adjunct faculty members regarding classroom management and addressed performance issues to promote more effective teaching environment.
- Implemented and maintained classrooms using content management systems, such as Brightspace/eCollege for clubs, student organizations, and extracurricular pursuits with successful integration of multimedia elements, such as video, graphics, and other media to enrich the learning experience.
- Served as internship coordinator, helping students find opportunities in completing paperwork, course, and site work
- Managed student volunteer clubs for South University, Argosy, and The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division, creating relevant content, leading webinars, providing resources, and finding volunteer opportunities

*Additional Experience as **Subject Matter Expert**, Education Management Corporation and Dream Center Education Holdings, LLC | Senior Research | E-Learning, Project Management), Remote*

Awards

- Student Favorite Tutor. Tutor.com
- Top Influencer. Tutor.com

- #inspireme Award. The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division.
- Presidential Alumni Research Dissemination Award. Walden University.
- Scholars for Change. Honorable Mention. Walden University.
- EDMC Award of Excellence in Online Instruction. The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division

Volunteer

- Provided music therapy. Hospice organization
- Served as board member and web developer. SisterZ with Hope & Faith
- Coordinated hockey project. Africa Youth for Peace and Development
- Administrated, maintained, and redesigned website. Friends of Anastasia
- Reviewed manuscript submission for publication to Journal of Health Disparities Research
- Provided input on the Community Connected Health Stakeholder Engagement Summary Report released by the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP)

Presentations

- Webinar Presenter for The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division's. Dec. 2017. Topic: Physical and Mental Wellness for the Remote Student
- Webinar Panelist for colleague's event. Nov. 2017. Topic: Career exploration discussion for fifth graders
- Webinar Presenter for AIGA Graphic Design Club. Aug. 2017. Topic: Finding Volunteer Opportunities to gain experience and build your resume
- Webinar Presenter for The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division's Fun, Friends and Family Event. July 2017. Topic: Volunteerism: Helping Yourself While Helping Others
- Webinar Presenter for The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division's Virtual Faculty Conference. May 2017. Topic: Physical and Mental Wellness for the Remote Employee
- Guest Webinar Presenter for The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division's meeting. Oct. 2015. Topic: Volunteering
- Conference Presenter for ScholarCon. June 2015. Topic: The five-minute volunteer experience
- Webinar Presenter/Speaker for Kaplan National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Mar. 2015. Topic: Online Volunteering
- Guest Webinar Panelist for The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division. Feb. 2015. Topic: The Great Debate: Unlocking the Secrets of the Internship to share ideas and resources through the volunteering and Internship option
- Webinar Presenter for The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division's Virtual Faculty Conference. Jan 2014. Topic: Benefits of Volunteering for Faculty and Students
- Webinar Panelist for Argosy University's Psychology Club. Jan 2013. Topic: The Volunteering Option
- Webinar Presenter for Argosy University's Professional Preparedness Series. Jan 2013. Topic: Volunteering for Professional Preparedness
- Webinar Presenter for Argosy University's Professional Preparedness Series. June 2012. Topic: Volunteering for Professional Preparedness
- Webinar Presenter for The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division's Practicing Professionalism Series. Jan 2012. Topic: Taking Charge of Your Personal and Professional Life