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Personal Summary and Career Objectives

Optimistic Professional with Diverse Background: I am versatile and suit roles that align with my optimistic, friendly nature. I value kindness, respect, and integrity. Eager to leverage on my broad experience interacting with culturally diverse individuals gained from varied employments and extracurricular pursuits.

Effective Relationship Builder: Adept at fostering strong connections with colleagues and clients through a can-do attitude, empathetic disposition, and superior customer service skills. Proficient in managing relationships across a range of demographics in applied person-centred practices. This was exemplified by successfully overseeing a D6 dementia and palliative care unit in both a caregiving and management role.

Passionate Academic and Educator: Driven by a deep interest in psychology, particularly psychogeriatric care and community wellbeing. Qualified with a Bachelor of Business and a Bachelor of Science First Class Honours in Psychology. Experienced in academic writing, including developed skills for translating a broad range of complex research into accessible content.

PhD Candidate and Multitasking Expert: Currently pursuing PhD research in Psychology, demonstrating strong multitasking and time management abilities honed through many years of extramural studies alongside work and family responsibilities.

Seeking Career Growth: I have newfound flexibility as my 16-year-old daughter becomes more independent. I am ready to build my career into a position that combines practical experience in people-centred roles with the application of core strengths, ensuring a fulfilling and satisfying career journey.

Education and Qualifications

University of Canterbury Search and Rescue - NZRT Foundation Operators with Light Rescue Capabilities

2024 New Zealand's Coordinated Incident Management System (32158)

USAR Responder (EMQUAL) Certificate and RES01 USAR Awareness (18516)

University of Canterbury, New Zealand (GPA Total 8.44)

Current PhD research in Cognitive Neuropsychology (GPA 9.0)

2023 Proficiency in Science (GPA 9.0)

2022 Bachelor of Science First Class Honours in Psychology (GPA 8.33)

Skylight Trust

2023 Certificate - Waves Programme for Adults Bereaved by Suicide - Facilitator Training

Careerforce

2020 New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) Health Assistance Strand

2019 Dementia LCP (Limited Credit Programme) Level 4

Career Academy

2018 Certificate in MYOB and XERO

Massey University, New Zealand

2016 Graduate Diploma in Arts Psychology

Unitec New Zealand

2014 Bachelor of Business in Operations Management

2004 Bachelor of Sport (first year): Cross credited to Bachelor of Business

Coastguard Boating Education

2014 New Zealand Boatmaster (Qualification 48668)

2001 NZ Day Skipper Certificate

Kelson Girls High School

2001 Bursary

Relevant Experience

University of Canterbury (2023 – Current)

Teaching Assistant – School of Psychology, Speech, and Hearing

- Cognition PSYC208, Introductory Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience PSYC215
- Teaching weekly lab content, marking lab quizzes/reports, and invigilation
- Supporting students through office hours and email correspondence

Research Assistant – School of Earth and Environment, College of Science

- Collect mobile EEG data and derive blink-ERP and microstates from participant walking experiments

Te Pukenga -The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand (2023-Current)

Subject Matter Expert (SME) – Bachelor of Applied Science Psychology

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Te Pukenga -The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand (2021 – Current)

Adjunct Marker/Review Marker

- Marking student assessments for Bachelor of Applied Science Psychology
- Review other Adjunct Markers: Leadership, support, and maintenance of assessment documentation
- Reporting on Adjunct Marker capabilities, review assessment activities and resources

Dementia Care NZ (2019-2021)

Caregiver, Home Manager: Hospital & D6 Unit, Weekend Manager, Diversional Therapist

- Providing holistic person-centred care and support to residents with their activities of daily living.
- Leading team in hospital and D6 units
- Medication administration
- D3 and D6 Dementia care, and palliative end of life care
- Weekend site management, resolving staffing issues and managing staff absences
- Health and Safety committee
- Facilitate Diversional Therapy (DT) sessions to create meaningful engagement for residents

Unitec New Zealand (2011)

Teaching Assistant: Business Statistics

- Planning/facilitating lessons for students
- Strengthening leadership skills/own knowledge

Other Experience

Green Door Real Estate (2018)

Executive PA

- Administrative support for the Real Estate Team

Harvey Norman (2015-2017)

Cashier

- Customer Service, merchandising, cleaning, stocktakes, training new cashiers

YMCA (2007-2015)

OSCAR Co-ordinator & Carer/Administrator/Receptionist/Coach/After School Carer/ECE Reliever

- Caring for children aged 0-13years, Early Childhood Education reliever, and OSCAR carer
- Planning/co-ordinating/facilitating holiday programmes
- Staff rosters, recruiting volunteers, monitoring budgets

AsureQuality (2005-2007)

Receptionist

- Sole charge front desk and general administrative support to senior management

Skills and Attributes

- ***Exemplary Character:*** Demonstrates reliability, integrity, and kindness in all interactions
- ***Self-awareness and Wellness:*** Practices effective self-care and possesses strong self-awareness
- ***Proficient in Technology:*** Possesses advanced computer skills for various academic tasks
- ***Academic Proficiency:*** Brings substantial experience and competence in the academic realm
- ***Masterful Organization:*** Highly skilled in maintaining order and structure in academic endeavours
- ***Reflective and Adaptable:*** Excels in self-reflection and embraces constructive feedback
- ***Customer-Centric Approach:*** Possesses well-developed customer service skills
- ***Critical Thinking:*** Demonstrates advanced critical thinking and adept problem-solving abilities
- ***Medication Competency:*** Proficient in medication management, including the use of Medi map
- ***Dementia Care Expertise:*** Skilled in Dementia D3 and D6 level care
- ***Creative Artistry:*** Possesses a passion for art and crafts, showcasing creativity
- ***Keen Eye for Detail:*** Highly attentive to detail in all academic and caregiving tasks
- ***Aged and Palliative Care:*** Experienced in providing care for the elderly and palliative patients
- ***Composure under Pressure:*** Maintains patience, tolerance, and resilience in high-pressure situations

Voluntary Community Involvement, Projects, and Interests

New Zealand Psychological Society

- Student member. Volunteer event support crew at 2024 conference

University of Canterbury Search and Rescue

- Light rescue responder

University of Canterbury Postgraduate Society for Psychology, Audiology, Speech and Therapies (PAST).

- Vice President 2023

University of Canterbury Journal and Methods Club

International Research Project: A Registered Report to be Published in Nature Human Behaviour

- Controlling Unwanted Memories: A Multisite Registered Replication of the Think/No-Think Effect data collection of the New Zealand site

MATLAB, Python, and R

- Beginner level skills in programming languages