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## Summary

Focused on addressing disadvantaged communities who lack exposure to the power of expression through the arts. Currently studying at Southwestern New Earth Institute for Art Therapy and Counseling Licensure.

## Experience



### Prodigy Arts Instructor

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Nov 2022 - Present (1 month +)

Prodigy is a prevention program for youth in underserved communities funded by the Department for Juvenile Justice. Lessons on emotional regulation and anger management are integrated in arts classes for ages 5-17.



### Artist In Residence

Arts4All Florida

Oct 2022 - Present (2 months +)

Providing opportunities for visual expression to youth detained in Pasco Regional Detention Center

### Independent Arts Instructor

Freelance

Aug 2022 - Present (4 months +)

Instructing multimedia arts (fiber, ceramics, metal, resin, glass) in local community centers, detention centers, shops, and private parties



### LGBTQ+ Program Specialist Lead

Metro Inclusive Health

Jan 2022 - Aug 2022 (8 months)

Creating engaging programs for youth ages 13-17 that identify within the LGBTQIA+ Spectrum



### Special Programs Leader II Visual Arts

City of Tampa

Nov 2019 - Jan 2022 (2 years 3 months)

Teaching Visual Arts to the community of Tampa Bay through the City of Tampa's Parks and Recreation Art Studios



### Teaching Artist

TrueCore Behavioral Solutions

Sep 2019 - Oct 2019 (2 months)

Creating a mural within Lake Academy by and for residential youth. Workshops with youth include designing, planning, and painting the mural. EST. Date of completion: October 24th, 2019

### **Pottery Teacher / Assistant**

San Antonio Pottery

Feb 2019 - Sep 2019 (8 months)

Teaching one-day workshops and assisting 6-week classes at San Ann Pottery.

### **Artist In Residence**

VSA arts

Jun 2019 - Jul 2019 (2 months)

Teaching fine art and journaling to youth ages 13-17 in a Juvenile Detention Center



### **Shelter Advocate**

Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic & Sexual Violence Center

Apr 2019 - Jun 2019 (3 months)

Providing emotional and logistical support to survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Answering hotlines and providing resources.

### **Artist In Residence**

VSA arts

Jan 2019 - Feb 2019 (2 months)

Teaching Ceramics, Painting, and Dance to Young Women ages 13-17 in a Juvenile Detention Center

### **Figure Model**

Studio Works, Dubuque

Dec 2018 - Dec 2018 (1 month)

Posing for a drawing/painting class, clothed with an emphasis on head anatomy

### **Instructor / Guest Services / Studio Lab Monitor**

Creative Adventure Lab

Feb 2018 - Nov 2018 (10 months)

Teaching ceramics to adults and children in both classes and camps. Providing guest services at the front desk, and assisting in pottery production.



### **Mental Health Counselor**

Hillcrest Family Services

Feb 2018 - Apr 2018 (3 months)

Providing supervision of residents in Adult Group homes. Tasks included passing medications at approved times, providing positive experiences to the residents outside of the Group Home, and taking documentation of personal and social goals assigned to each individual.



### **Clay Studio Technician**

## Artists' Exchange

Oct 2016 - May 2017 (8 months)

- Kiln loading, unloading, scheduling
- Individual Directive lessons in Ceramics
- Covering classes for both children and disabled adults
- Clay recycling
- Glaze maintenance
- Supervision of Clay Studio Tech Assistant



## Figure Model

Providence Art Club

Oct 2016 - Feb 2017 (5 months)

- Short and extended poses
- Static and dynamic poses



## Studio Technician

Artists' Exchange

Sep 2015 - Dec 2015 (4 months)

Recycling clay, loading and unloading kilns, supervising open studio hours, general maintenance of ceramic studios.



## Art Therapy and Ceramics Intern

Artists' Exchange

Jun 2015 - Aug 2015 (3 months)

Teaching Art Therapy with Clients, teaching Ceramic tile making with children, assisting in other classes, and performing Ceramic tech duties.



## Studio Tech

Rhode Island School of Design

Jun 2015 - Aug 2015 (3 months)



## Pottery Techniques TA

Rhode Island School of Design

Feb 2015 - May 2015 (4 months)



## Glaze Room Maintenance

Rhode Island School of Design

Oct 2014 - May 2015 (8 months)

Restocking the Glaze room with materials from the storage room, ordering new materials, and maintaining organization within the glaze room.



## Ceramic Science TA

Rhode Island School of Design

Jan 2015 - Feb 2015 (2 months)



## **Ceramics Studio Work Study**

Barry University

Aug 2012 - May 2014 (1 year 10 months)

- Cleaning the facility
- Aiding any students from other ceramic classes
- Making glazes

## **Education**



### **Southwestern College (NM)**

Art Therapy and Counseling

Sep 2022 - Present



### **Rhode Island School of Design**

Bachelor's Degree, Ceramics

2014 - 2017



### **Universidad de Monterrey**

Bachelor's Degree, Fine and Studio Arts

2016 - 2016

Marble Sculpting, Bronze Casting, and Steel



### **Barry University**

Bachelor's Degree, Ceramic Major, Communication Studies Minor

2012 - 2014

Historian of Caribbean Student Association, Fall 2013- Spring 2014



### **Southwestern College (NM)**

Master's degree, Art Therapy and Counseling

Sep 2022 - Present

## **Skills**

- Communication
- Mental Health Counseling
- Creativity Skills
- Program Management
- Art Education
- Ceramic Sculpture
- Handmade Jewelry
- Teaching
- Research
- Public Speaking