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PORTFOLIO

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO

BA IN FASHION PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT WITH A MINOR IN MARKETING
3.7 GPA

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 2026

Relevant Courses: Approaches and Process in Fashion, Fashion Design and Merchandising, Digital Patternmaking & Construction, Design Solutions for Fashion

PROJECTS

LOUETTE BRIDE "SOVEREIGN BLOOM" COLLECTION

BRIDAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT GROUP PROJECT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 2025

- Constructed a bespoke bridal pant garment within a 9-person production team, supporting end-to-end development from concept to final fabrication.
- Drafted and refined custom patterns through 7 fit sessions, achieving precise fit and couture-level finishing.
- Researched textiles, silhouettes, and construction techniques to align with brand identity, sustainability goals, and client expectations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF FASHION WORK AID

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 2024 - PRESENT

- Supported the planning and execution of School of Fashion events and window installations in collaboration with local partners, ensuring seamless coordination and professional presentation.
- Facilitated cross-departmental communication by providing administrative and logistical support to Fashion faculty, enhancing operational efficiency.
- Assisted students during on-campus events by offering guidance, resolving inquiries, and ensuring a welcoming and organized environment.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO DIGITAL PATTERNMAKING TA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
JANUARY 2025 - PRESENT

- Supported Fashion faculty in delivering a digital patternmaking curriculum by preparing instructional materials, documenting class notes, and reinforcing lesson objectives.
- Provided technical assistance to students using VStitcher, troubleshooting software and garment development issues to ensure continuity of learning.
- Delivered one-on-one tutoring sessions, guiding students through post-lesson exercises and demonstrating alternative workflows to enhance software proficiency.

DRESS ALTERATIONS

MARIA DE JESUS ALTERATION AID

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
MAY 2015 - JUNE 2022

- Supported and independently completed 800+ garment alterations over 11 years, averaging 5 hours of sewing daily while meeting tight family and client-driven deadlines.
- Performed custom fit adjustments, hemming, restructuring, and hand finishes using home and industrial machines, contributing to consistent same-week or next-week order fulfillment.
- Maintained long-term client trust through precise craftsmanship and reliability, helping sustain a multi-year, referral-based customer base with minimal revisions required.

DOS HILOS: ALTERATIONS SPECIALIST

SELF-EMPLOYED

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
JUNE 2025 - PRESENT

- Executed 20-30 precision garment alterations monthly across bridal, performance, business, and adaptive garments, maintaining 100% on-time delivery within a 14-day turnaround.
- Led 3-5 client fittings per garment, managing measurement adjustments, pattern refinements, and finishings to ensure high-quality fit and craftsmanship standards.
- Completed 200+ hours of sewing and textile construction, utilizing industrial sewing machines, hand-finishing techniques, and pattern modification to improve fit accuracy and reduce rework by 25%

SKILLS: HOME AND INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINERY, PATTERNMAKING, VSTITCHER, ADOBE PHOTOSHOP & ILLUSTRATOR, EXCEL.