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Portfolio

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO
BA IN FASHION PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT WITH A MINOR IN MARKETING
3.8 GPA

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 2026

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

PROJECTS

LOULETTE BRIDE “SOVEREIGN BLOOM” COLLECTION
BRIDAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT GROUP PROJECT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 2025

- Collaborated within a 9-person bridal production team to develop and construct a bespoke bridal pant design from concept through final fabrication.
- Drafted custom patterns and participated in seven fit sessions, refining garment fit and achieving couture-level construction standards.
- Applied garment construction, textile research, luxury finishing techniques, and quality control processes while collaborating across production team to ensure high quality craftsmanship, brand alignment, and timely project completion.

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, installations, and industry-facing projects through administrative and logistical coordination.
- Assisted students, faculty, and guests during events, ensuring a professional, organized, and welcoming environment.
- Collaborated across departments to improve operational efficiency and support successful event execution.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO DIGITAL PATTERNMAKING TA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
JANUARY 2025 - PRESENT

- Supported Fashion faculty in delivering digital patternmaking instruction by preparing course materials and reinforcing lesson objectives.
- Provided technical assistance and troubleshooting support to students using VStitcher and digital garment development software.
- Conducted one-on-one tutoring sessions to strengthen student understanding of pattern development, garment construction, and digital workflows.

DRESS ALTERATIONS
MARIA DE JESUS ALTERATION AID

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
MAY 2015 - JUNE 2022

- Completed 100+ garment alterations and repairs, including hemming, garment restructuring, seam adjustments, and custom fit modifications across a variety of garment categories.
- Conducted client fittings and garment evaluations, providing alteration recommendations while maintaining strong client relationships through exceptional service and attention to detail.
- Applied advanced sewing techniques, garment construction knowledge, pressing, and hand-finishing methods using industrial and domestic sewing equipment to deliver consistent, high-quality results.

DOS HILOS: ALTERATIONS SPECIALIST
SELF-EMPLOYED

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
JUNE 2025 - PRESENT

- Executed 20-30 precision garment alterations monthly across bridal, business, performance, adaptive, and luxury garments while maintaining 100% on-time delivery.
- Conduct client consultations and fittings, managing measurement adjustments, pattern modifications, and fit refinements to ensure exceptional craftsmanship and client satisfaction.
- Utilized industrial sewing machines, pressing equipment, and hand-finishing techniques to perform garment repairs, hemming, seam adjustments, and quality control inspections, reducing rework by 25%.

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