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SUMMARY

English lecturer with eight years of postsecondary teaching experience centered on first year composition, rhetoric, academic writing, and **general education** instruction. Holds an **MA in English** and creates student centered courses for first year and nonmajor learners across varied disciplines. Builds clear assignments that guide students through argument development, research, source evaluation, revision, rhetorical analysis, and ethical communication. Teaches in person and online, using **learning management systems** for readings, discussions, assessments, feedback, and accessible resources. Faculty collaboration, course assessment, mentoring, and **departmental service** have supported consistent writing outcomes across multiple sections. Journalism training adds practical instruction in interviewing, audience awareness, concise prose, verification, and information literacy. Brings a reflective teaching practice and steady commitment to inclusive learning environments where students gain confidence as writers.

EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in English, Composition

August 2022 to Present

Blue Ridge Metropolitan College

Richmond, VA

Lead composition instruction for first year and **nonmajor students** across in person and online sections. Coordinate course materials, assessment practices, student mentoring, and faculty communication while supporting consistent writing outcomes and accessible learning experiences.

- Built sequenced composition courses around argument, research, revision, rhetoric, and **audience awareness** for first year learners.
- Created assignment scaffolds and peer review cycles that guided students from topic development through polished submissions.
- Organized readings, discussions, assessments, and accessible resources within learning management system course spaces.
- Shared composition assessment findings with faculty, refining rubrics and instructional materials across multiple sections.
- Integrated **source evaluation**, journalism verification, citation practice, and ethical communication into **research writing** assignments.
- Held **student conferences** and delivered timely feedback connected with **course outcomes** and individual writing goals.

Instructor of English, Composition

August 2020 to May 2022

Piedmont Arts University

Charlottesville, VA

Taught composition and general education writing for students across majors, combining classroom instruction with online course delivery. Improved assignment sequencing, feedback routines, source evaluation, and **faculty collaboration** within a teaching focused university environment.

- Designed first year **composition** units linking argument, research, revision, **rhetorical analysis**, and audience awareness.
- Developed **peer review** workshops that helped students test claims, organize evidence, and revise with purpose.
- Used learning management system discussions and assessments to maintain connection across online and classroom sections.
- Reviewed student work with faculty partners, clarifying rubrics and strengthening shared composition expectations.
- Applied **journalism** informed source checks and citation lessons during research writing instruction for **nonmajor students**.
- Mentored writers through conferences, inclusive classroom practices, and feedback focused on measurable course outcomes.

Adjunct English Instructor, Composition

August 2018 to May 2020

Capital Community College

Richmond, VA

Delivered **postsecondary composition** instruction for community college students with varied preparation and academic goals. Supported foundational writing, research literacy, revision, and student confidence through structured lessons, accessible materials, and individual conferences.

- Adapted composition lessons for first year writers developing **argument**, research, revision, **rhetoric**, and audience awareness.
- Built guided assignments and peer review activities that moved developing writers toward complete academic submissions.
- Maintained online course materials, readings, discussions, and assessments through learning management system tools.
- Used student work patterns to refine rubrics, feedback priorities, and writing support during course planning.
- Taught source evaluation, journalism informed verification, **citation practice**, and **ethical communication** in research assignments.
- Provided conferences and written feedback that connected **revision** choices with course outcomes and student goals.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, English

August 2016 to May 2018

Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

Supported undergraduate composition instruction under faculty supervision while developing expertise in rhetoric, **writing assessment**, **student mentoring**, and course design. Contributed to classroom teaching, feedback, course materials, and inclusive support for first year learners.

- Taught supervised composition lessons on argument, research, revision, **rhetorical analysis**, and audience awareness.
- Prepared assignment scaffolds and peer review activities for students entering college level **academic writing**.
- Supported learning management system spaces with readings, discussions, assessments, and accessible course resources.
- Reviewed student writing with faculty guidance, applying shared rubrics and composition **assessment** practices.

- Introduced **source evaluation**, citation practice, and ethical communication through journalism informed research activities.
- Met with students individually, connecting feedback and revision plans with course outcomes and confidence.

PROJECTS

First Year Composition Curriculum Renewal 📅 2024

Reworked assignment sequences, peer review activities, assessment rubrics, and online resources for first year composition. Project supported clearer progression from inquiry and source evaluation through argument, revision, and polished academic writing.

Online Writing Course Accessibility Review 📅 2023

Reviewed learning management system materials, discussion structures, assessments, and feedback workflows for online writing instruction. Project produced more consistent access points for students and clearer connections between activities and course outcomes.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Faculty Recognition for Inclusive Composition Instruction, Blue Ridge Metropolitan College, 2024.
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Commonwealth University, 2018.
- Departmental Service Recognition for Composition Assessment Collaboration, Piedmont Arts University, 2022.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in English

2018

Commonwealth University GPA: 4.0

Richmond, VA

Coursework: *Composition pedagogy, rhetoric, research methods, writing assessment*

Bachelor of Arts in English and Journalism

2016

James River College GPA: 4.0

Richmond, VA

Coursework: *Journalism ethics, news writing, rhetorical theory, information literacy*

CERTIFICATIONS

- Online Teaching Foundations Certificate 📅 2021
- Quality Online Course Design Certificate 📅 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Composition Methods:** First year composition, rhetoric, academic writing
- **Writing Instruction:** Argument writing, research writing, revision
- **Journalism Practice:** Source evaluation, interviewing, verification
- **Assessment Tools:** Writing rubrics, student work review, course assessment
- **Online Teaching:** Online instruction, virtual discussions, digital feedback
- **Classroom Delivery:** In person teaching, seminar instruction, workshop teaching
- **Learning Systems:** Learning management systems, course discussions, digital assessments
- **Curriculum Design:** Assignment sequencing, course materials, curriculum improvement
- **Student Support:** Academic mentoring, writing conferences, developmental feedback
- **Accessibility Practice:** Accessible resources, inclusive instruction, learner support
- **Research Communication:** Citation practice, information literacy, ethical communication
- **Faculty Service:** Departmental service, faculty collaboration, program support

SKILLS

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| • First Year Composition | • Curriculum Development | • Learning Management Systems | • Source Evaluation |
| • Rhetoric | • Composition Pedagogy | • Writing Assessment | • Inclusive Instruction |
| • Academic Writing | • Online Teaching | • Student Mentoring | • Departmental Service |
| • Journalism | • In Person Teaching | • Research Writing | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, National Council of Teachers of English.
- Member, Conference on College Composition and Communication.
- Member, Association of Teachers of Technical Writing.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST