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Objective

As a TAAD-GAP Trainee I am currently seeing a position as a Set Designer./Drafter within the Art Department

Education

April 2007 Diploma: Interior Design

Sheridan Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Oakville

Courses included:

Design Theory and AutoCAD,
Building Technology
Mechanical and Safety Systems,
Drafting, rendering and perspectives

Highlight of Qualifications

- Excellent computer skills in both PC and Mac environments: AutoCAD, SketchUP, Word, Excel, Adobe, Photoshop, PowerPoint, Illustrator, Navision, Cabnetware
- Accurate and skilled in regards to space planning, hand drawings and working drawings
- Produce and interpret commercial/residential layouts as well as architectural drawings
- Prompt, detail-oriented, diligent and creative, hard working
- Excellent problem solving skills. I can think up solutions on the spot and can work within stressful situations
- Complete deadlines within the given timelines or ahead of schedule

Relevant Skills, Experience and Knowledge

Interior Design

- Produced several residential and commercial buildings which include, government offices; designs were hand drawn as well as produced in AutoCAD and SketchUP
- Oversaw the technical design elements of government and residential spaces; elements reviewed included HVAC, sprinkler systems, lighting, structural components within a residential building, as well as reviewed working drawings as per plan
- Perform on-site measurements on a daily basis to ensure drawing specifications are accurate and carpenters are reading drawings correctly
- Participated in Home and Design shows; explained to potential clients the architectural design of the booth; answered specific questions about space design from visitors

Experience

February 2015-Present

Design Consultant, CountryWide Homes, Concord Vaughn

A Residential Home builder. Founded by CEO Angelo DeGasparis

- Use the computer program "Navision" on a daily basis to input purchaser's selections for their structural and color packages
- Produce custom hand drawn designs for purchasers
- Calculate total square feet required for residential spaces
- Assist purchasers in choosing all of their "colors" for their home. These can include natural stone, porcelain tile, hardwood width and stain, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, countertops, frameless glass showers, plumbing fixtures etc
- Inform purchasers on structural upgrades they can apply to their home. These upgrades can include a complete re-design of the interior, all electrical lighting and wiring, higher ceilings etc
- If needed design custom Auto Cad drawings or hand drawings to help a client "visualize" a specific item.
- In contact on a daily basis with site supers, the architectural department and contracts managers to insure all upgrades and finishes are being installed correctly
- Inform purchasers on all structural and custom pricing while keeping within their budget
- Attend regular site walks during several different stages of construction
- Inform purchasers on Structural elements on their home which include HVAC drawings, working drawings and window spacial.



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June 2012-Jan 2015

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 - Calculated the total square feet required for residential and commercial spaces
 - Informed clients on the cost for products based on their square feet for a specific space
 - Assisted clients in deciding whether they wanted porcelain, slate, natural stone or ceramic tile for their project
 - Informed clients on the pros and cons of various tiles as well as the bonding materials used for the sub floor
 - Educated the clients on all proper waterproofing materials such as Kerdi, Ditra, sealers as well as the proper tools to use with these products
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Oct 2008-Mar 2009

Designer: Region of Peel (Government), Brampton

The Region of Peel is responsible for the construction of all government buildings within the city of Brampton

- Designed various commercial spaces which included police stations, fire houses, government halls and buildings under renovation for a department relocation
 - Re-designed workstations for employees which met all time and budget constraints; added extra workspace, reconstructed a manager's office, ordered new office equipment
 - Supervised contractors at site installations
 - Specified the placement of electrical component's, HVAC units and sprinkler system's on AutoCAD drawings and contractor drawings
 - Constantly researched pricing; problem solved when the project was going over budget
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Mar-Apr 2007

Interior Design Student: Gluckstein Design, Toronto

Brian Gluckstein is an internationally recognized designer, considered to be one of the top 35 designers in the world

- Collaborated with designer in commercial and residential space planning activities; assisted designers with producing hand drafted layouts for a residential space
- Efficiently and quickly sourced out materials and finishes for various spaces
- Assisted with coordinating and overseeing site installations
- Corresponded with suppliers regarding ordering equipment including price quotations