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The possibility of supplementing education-based knowledge with expertise gained in professional settings through practical applications is invaluable. Being a team member of a workforce related to Landscape Architecture would aid in developing appreciation, depth, and understanding of the processes of effectively working through and producing results both in academics and when working as a team.

While working as a Design Intern, I provided research and design support for the team. I was also tasked with performing contract administration duties for one of the firm's consulting projects, requesting quotes from several companies, and coordinating on-site meetings with contractors. My favourite experience was collaborating with one of the senior associates to create an initial planning diagram to organize the project site and then advancing that diagram into a site plan with additional detail. I created a presentation which included my prior environmental research on the site, the diagram and site plan, and descriptor graphics for design characteristics to visually represent what we had imagined for the site. This presentation was delivered to the client, who commended us for its success.

I also had the opportunity to be part of a team involved with modifying existing site plans based on notes created by the senior associates and principals, creating site analyses and plans for more recently acquired projects, and performing research for other company initiatives. While working as a Sales Associate, I gained nearly seven years of building materials and supplies knowledge through customer service, training, and actual practical experience, ranging from interior to exterior applications. This has enhanced my abilities to enjoy effectively creating construction drawings for academic and personal projects.

I am most proud of the construction drawings I made for my assignment during my final design studio during my graduate degree, as well as the research paper I completed along side my thesis practicum. The construction drawings were meant to reinforce our existing design and caused us to pay closer attention to detail to ensure our design intentions were realistic. As for the research paper, it was a culmination of months of hard work by a dedicated team. I never thought that one day I would say that I am a published author.

I have a split-interest in design and technical work. I strive to be as versatile as possible to fit the requirements of the assignment or project at hand. When I have worked in groups previously, I often found myself drawn to more technical work. This has allowed me to learn various software to varying degrees.

I appreciate and value all constructive criticisms and suggestions and believe that it is essential to look for learning experiences in any feedback that may be presented, as all learning experiences help to build a better, professional, team-skilled, and well-rounded designer.

Sincerely,



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