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Highlights of Qualifications:

Exceptional written and verbal communication skills.
Excellent facilitator and organizer.
Able to work effectively in a group setting or independently.
40+ years experience in design and publishing.
35+ years experience in community development.
25+ years experience with computers.
15+ years experience online and developing websites.
Willing to work evenings and weekends.

Experience

Computer Skills

Able to create and maintain websites. Able to install and evaluate new software and programs. Knowledgeable in areas of hardware setup, repair, maintenance, upgrading and troubleshooting.

Home page: BLNdesign - www.BLNdesign.com

Training Skills

In collaboration with others, developed materials for, and facilitated workshops on:
HTML and web design
Computer and internet usage
Advocacy issues
Discrimination and homophobia
Women's health issues

Taught computer and internet skills to junior high school students.
Taught HTML workshops in conjunction with local internet consulting firm.
Demystified computer basics for several first time users on an individual basis.

Communication Skills

Counselled advocacy clients in a one-to-one setting and presented clients' cases at Ministry of Human Resources tribunal hearings.

Worked in team environment to assist elderly residents with activities of daily living at residential care home.

Employment History

1997 - present	Owner, BLNdesign, Nelson, B.C.
2004 – present	Production Coordinator: Video Billboard, Nelson, B.C.
2000	Volunteer Kootenays Project Coordinator (KICS), Nelson, B.C.
1996 -1997	Computer Instructor, Lake Street School, Nelson, B.C.
1988 -1993	Resident Care Aide, Castleview Care Centre, Castlegar, B.C.

Prior years: variety of positions as licensed practical nurse, traditional midwife, cardiology technician, graphic artist, line camera operator, marketing survey phone line coordinator, retail clerk.

Volunteer History: Board and Community Work

Previous

Kootenay Internet Communications Society: Board Chair, Director
Celebrating Women in Mid-Life Project: Steering Committee
Castleview Local - Hospital Employees' Union: Chairperson, Shop Steward
Castlegar and District Hospital: Director
Castlegar Health Planning Council: Steering Committee
Castlegar Advocacy: Coordinator
ANKORS (West Kootenay/Boundary AIDS Society): Director

Education

I continually upgrade my skills by taking online courses and workshops, and by reading technical blogs.

1998	Bachelor of General Studies, Open Learning Agency, Burnaby, B.C.
1989-1991	University Transfer, Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C.
1986-1987	Electronic Publishing Certificate, Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C.
1985-1986	Graphic Design Certificate, Selkirk College, Castlegar, B. C.
1974	Licensed Practical Nursing Certificate, VCC, Vancouver, B.C.
1965-1968	Liberal Arts Program, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1965	Graduated, Fort Hamilton High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Regents Scholarship.

Other Interests

Genealogy, classical music.

References available on request.