

Valérie Mercier

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Education & Training

- 2021 – 2023 Certificate, Horticulture and Green Spaces Management, Université Laval, Québec City, Canada
- 2014 – 2015 Distance training, Introduction to Marketing, Coursera with Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 – 2013 Full-time Portfolio Program, School of the Photographic Arts: Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
- 2010 – 2011 Certificate, Graphic Design Université du Québec en Outaouais, Gatineau, Canada
- 2008 – 2010 College diploma, Visual & New media Arts, Cégep de l'Outaouais, Gatineau, Canada

Volunteer Work

Volunteer Gardener, Stevens-Coolidge House & Gardens, The Trustees of Reservations, Massachusetts, USA

March 2021 - Present

Maintain gardens and landscape. Harvest and assemble floral bouquets from the gardens for CSA shareholders. Assist with early spring growth, propagate and maintain plants in the greenhouse in preparation for the planting season.

*A volunteer history can be provided upon request.**

Work experience

Interpreter-Animator, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

2014 – Present

Delivered and adapted programs such as tours, workshops and talks to a variety of audiences including, including, but not limited to, adults, children, schools, and community groups.

Social Media Officer, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Apr 2019 – Dec 2019

Responsible for planning, developing, implementing and evaluating an active and engaging online presence for the National Gallery of Canada and its programs.

Acting Interpreter's Team Lead, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

2016 – 2017 & 2018

Managed the interpreter-animator's team, and oversaw the implementation of weekends, summer and holiday educational and public programs for visitors. Coordinated day-of logistics surrounding program set up, delivery and take-down.

Work experience

Part-Time Teacher, Graphic Design, La Cité College, Ottawa, Canada

2018-2019

Developed and taught the Introductory class *Creativity 101* and *Introduction to Drawing*, as well as *Graphic Design Production 4*.

Reception office (2009-2014), Acting Curatorial Assistant (2012), Acting coordinator of school programs (2013-2014), Art-Image et Espace Odyssee Gallery, Gatineau, Canada

2009-2014

Design and delivered the gallery's elementary school programs and workshops. Participated in the organization of art exhibitions from set-up to tear down.

Sales advisor, DeSerres, Gatineau, Canada

2007-2011

Gave personalized customer service and offered service at the cash register.

Additional Qualifications

Knowledge of organic composting techniques, pest control products and their safe handling, plant biology and propagation.

Experience managing a project budget.

Experience in project management and possess excellent organizational skills.

Experience coordinating and leading a team.

Bilingual fluency in English and French.

Ability to work with audiences of all ages and of various needs including but not limited to people living with dementia, visual impairment, autism, mobility issues.

Vast knowledge of visual arts and art history.

Ability to work in Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro, InDesign, Illustrator, the Microsoft Office suite and Hootsuite.

Masters photography, lighting, and retouching.