

Craig Brandenburg

Resume

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Summary

With over 18 years of experience in DTP, pre-press, finished art and retouching, I have consistently met with clients objectives and deadlines.

I have worked in both reproduction houses and advertising agencies where I have been lucky enough to collaborate with some of the top photographers, and magazines in Cape Town as well as agencies, publishers and brands from around the world, such as Sports Illustrated, Cosmopolitan, Areej, and A Small Company.

Skilled in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign and having experience in photography, I can view and understand images better as well as the relationships of highlights and shadows, all leading to a better understanding and quality product for the client.

Technical Skills

Desktop Publishing - Ascertaining and ensuring that adverts, magazines, packaging, books and catalogs are print ready and within specifications set down by the printers.

Finished art - Ensuring that layouts received from graphic designers and clients, either physically or digitally, are put together logically and with the understanding of pre-press.

Work flow / Production management - Implementing back end procedures and processes for an efficient work flow, accurate recording of time and materials for billing, an uncluttered archive, and better time management.

Photography - Expertly capturing both products and fashion to be used in catalogs and brochures.

Software - Adobe Photoshop CC, Adobe InDesign CC, Adobe Lightroom CC, Capture One Pro

Career history

Blue Care

Personal Carer

Nov 2016 - Present

Work duties:

- Showering of residents.
- Feeding of non mobilized residents.
- Manual handling.
- Working within companies policies and code of conduct.
- Care and needs of residents.

Key accomplishments:

Manage the care and needs of clients effectively within allocated timeframes. Effectively communicate the residents needs, and collaborate within the team for a successful outcome as well as facilitate the empowerment of residents needs.

360 Digital

Senior Retoucher

Sep 2004 - May 2016

Work duties:

- Quality control of retouched images.
- Retouching and manipulation of digital images.
- Processing of digital images.
- Make up and layout of clients documents.
- Managing the work flow.
- Client relationship management.

Key accomplishments:

Manage and coordinate retouching, make up, and photography projects from start to finish for numerous clients

Lead retoucher on multiple high-end assignments. Responsible for accurate and high quality results for numerous clients including Sports Illustrated, Cosmopolitan, Yardley and Woolworths.

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Spear-headed the creation of a successful photographic studio department.

Implemented back end systems and processes for a more integrated and seamless work flow, by setting in place a work ticket system with job numbering and costing sheets, leading to less confusion, more efficient handling of files, and better tracking of time and materials for more accurate billing.

Tequila Cape Town

DTP Operator

Sep 2000 - Oct 2004

Work duties:

- Finished art.
- Desk top publishing.
- Retouching of images.

Hirt and Carter

DTP Operator

1996 - Oct 2000

Work duties:

- Desk top publishing.
- Ensuring files were print ready.
- Retouching of images.

Positive Image

DTP Operator

1995 - 1996

FT&R

DTP Operator

1994 - 1995

Proscan

Scanner Operator

1993 - 1994

Qualifications

Certificate III in Individual Support (CHC33015)	- Applied Care, October 2016
The Art of Photography	- Open2Study, September 2016 (Online course)
National Police Check Certificate	- Veritas Check, July 2016
Certificate of proficiency in desktop publishing	- Hirt & Carter Graphic, 1994
Matric (grade 12) certificate	- Oude Molen Technical High School 1992

Other interests

Photography, Art, Reading, Running, Swimming, Cycling

References

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