

Nicole I. Benz

Email: benzette[at]gmail[dot]com

Website: www.benzette.com

Simcoe, ON Canada

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (2004 – 2008) **Honours Degree in Multimedia and Japanese Studies**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- (2006 – 2007) **McMaster University Exchange Program Participant**
Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan
- (2002 – 2004) **Graphic Design Production Diploma**
Niagara College, Welland, ON
- (2001) **Ontario Secondary School Diploma**
Simcoe Composite School, Simcoe ON
- (2001) **Training from the 'Ontario Leadership Training Camp'**
Longford Mills, ON (2001)

WORK HISTORY

- (July 2008 – Feb. 2010) **Multimedia and Communications Assistant**
Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Geneva, Switzerland
Worked as a graphic design intern for web and print
- (Sept. 2007 – Apr. 2008) **Teaching Assistant - Multimedia 1B03 and 3A03**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
Worked as a TA preparing and teaching tutorials
- (Aug. 2007 – Sept. 2007) **Pita Roller**
The Pita Pit, Hamilton, ON
Worked as a pita roller
- (June 2007 – July 2007) **Cashier and Field Hand**
Meadow Lynn Farms, Simcoe, ON
Worked as a cashier and farm hand at a pick your own strawberry farm

- (2006 – 2007) **English Tutor**
Fukuoka, Japan
Tutored English to college students and young children
- (2005 – 2006) **Shift Manager**
The Pita Pit, Hamilton, ON
Worked part-time as a manager and pita roller
- (2004) **Student Labourer**
Naticoke Generating Station, Naticoke, ON
Worked full-time during the summer performing various tasks in the coal yard
- (2003) **Light Labourer**
Good Humor Breyers, Simcoe, ON
Packed ice-cream full-time during the summer
- (2002) **Greenhouse Worker**
Bert Stam's Greenhouses, Simcoe, ON
Worked weekdays during the summer tending tomato plants
- (2001 – 2002) **Waitress**
Pizza Delight (Now Whitey's Pizzeria), Simcoe, ON
Part-time waitress and kitchen staff
- (2001) **Waitress**
Jims of Simcoe, Simcoe, ON
Worked part-time as a waitress
- (1999 – 2000) **Cashier**
Beckers Convenience Store, Simcoe, ON
Worked weekends and after school handling cash and taking care of the store

VOLUNTEER WORK

- (2005 – 2006) **Speakeasy Language Partner**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
Partnered with an ESL student to help improve their English language communication
- (2007) **Face Painter**
Celtic Roots Festival, Goderich, ON

SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

(2008) **Dean's Honour List**
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

(2006 – 2007) **Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship**
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

(2002 – 2004) **President's Honour Roll**
Niagara College, Welland, ON

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Premiere
- Adobe Dreamweaver
- Adobe Flash
- Web Design / Maintenance
- HTML, XHTML, CSS
- Microsoft Office

ARTISTIC SKILLS

- Life Drawing
- Painting
- 2D & 3D Design
- Illustration
- Typography

OTHER SKILLS / EXPERIENCE / CERTIFICATES

- Class G Driver's License
- Japanese Language Skills
- Babysitter's Certificate
- Teaching Experience
- Experience Living Abroad

HOBBIES / INTERESTS

- Drawing/Painting
- Photography
- International Travel
- Cooking