Katrina Shirley

Strengths

Canadian French
Canadian English
Passion for Teaching and Learning
Leadership and Initiative
Relationship Building
Differentiated Instruction
Creativity and Innovation
Community Engagement
Organization and Planning
Mathematics, Art, English, & Physical Education
Collaboration and Teamwork
Service, and Compassion
Commitment to Student Success

Education

September 2025 - PRESENT
Bachelor Degree in Education, University of Calgary - Werklund School of Education, Calgary, AB
Specialization in Elementary Mathematics, 4.0 GPA

September 2014 - December 2016
Bachelor Degree in Visual Arts, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, Vancouver BC
Minored in Culture and Community Development, 3.5GPA

September 2013 - April 2014
Transfer Certificate in Visual Arts, Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie AB
X2 Q99 Radio Award, Department of Fine Arts
Rogers Broadcasting Digital Design Award, Department of Fine Arts
Lionel Allingham Award in Visual Arts, Department of Fine Arts

September 2009 - June 2012
St. Joseph's Catholic High School High School Diploma, Grande Prairie AB

Work Experience

January 2022 - August 2026 Grande Prairie
Graphic Designer, SpeedPro Signs

- Collaborate with diverse clients to understand needs, communicate ideas clearly, and develop creative solutions.
- Create engaging visual materials tailored to specific audiences, demonstrating strong communication and presentation skills.
- Manage multiple projects simultaneously while meeting deadlines and maintaining a high standard of quality and accuracy.
- Adapt designs and materials based on client feedback, demonstrating flexibility, responsiveness, and a growth mindset.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with repeat clients through effective communication, consistency, and attention to detail.
- Develop written and visual content that conveys complex information in clear, accessible, and engaging ways.

March 2021 - June 2022, Grande Prairie

(Volunteer position) Secretary of Board of Directors, Centre for Creative Arts

- Collaborated with board members and community stakeholders to support community engagement initiatives.
- Recorded and maintained accurate meeting minutes, demonstrating strong communication and organizational skills.
- Contributed to marketing and community awareness projects that connected diverse groups within the community.
- Demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and a commitment to community service.

June 2018 - January 2022, Grande Prairie

Curatorial Assistant of Exhibitions & Collections, Art Gallery of Grande Prairie

- Developed educational and community-focused programs, resources, and digital content for diverse audiences.
- Coordinated complex projects and schedules while collaborating with artists, educators, and community partners.
- Conducted research, report writing, and administrative tasks to support educational programming and organizational goals.
- Assisted with learning initiatives, community outreach, and public engagement activities.
- Managed and organized large collections of information and records with strong attention to detail.
- Demonstrated leadership and innovation through the development of online learning resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

January 2020 - November 2021, Grande Prairie

Drawing Instructor, Centre for Creative Arts

- Developed and facilitated art classes for youth in a supportive and engaging learning environment.
- Adapted instructional strategies to meet individual student needs, abilities, and learning styles.
- Fostered creativity, critical thinking, and skill development through hands-on and discussion-based learning.
- Assessed student progress and provided constructive feedback to support growth and confidence.

September 2017 - March 2020, Grande Prairie

Head Coach/Co-Founder, Koora Elite Soccer Camp,

- Designed and facilitated athletic programs, camps, and skill-development opportunities for youth.
- Coached and mentored U12–U15 athletes, fostering teamwork, confidence, leadership, and personal growth.
- Adapted instruction and coaching strategies to meet diverse learning needs and abilities.
- Organized tournaments, events, and seasonal programming while managing logistics and communication with families and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated leadership and initiative by co-founding and growing a successful youth sports program.

January 2016 - July 2017, Grande Prairie

Education Assistant, St. John Bosco Outreach High School/St. Joseph Catholic High School

- Planned and delivered curriculum-aligned art instruction and learning activities for high school students.
- Supported student learning through assessment, grading assistance, and individualized academic support.
- Adapted instructional strategies and accommodations to meet diverse learning needs and Individual Program Plans (IPPs).
- Collaborated with teachers and support staff to foster student success, engagement, and well-being.
- Participated in ongoing professional development to strengthen instructional practice and student support.

Workshops, Courses, and Certifications

2021
Social Media Marketing , online course, Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie AB

2020
Writing for the Art World: Style and Substance, Sotheby's Institute of Art, online course

Aerial Lift Operator Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie AB

Coaching for Creatives During Covid-19 Special Offer, Chris Mitchell, Life Coach in Career and Professional Development for Artists and Creatives, online sessions

Exhibition photography and Adobe Bridge/Camera Raw training, Blaine Campbell, professional fine art documentation and installation photographer, Grande Prairie AB

2017
Education for Reconciliation - Assembling Strength Spring eCourse, University of Calgary, online course

FIFA 11+/Movement Preparation/NCCP Coach, Canada Soccer, Grande Prairie AB and online

Selected Professional Experience

2026
BTC Strategy Presenter, BTC Across the Curriculum - Calgary, Calgary, Ab

2026
Werklund School of Education presenter (STEM Education), Pallister District Teacher's Convention, Calgary, AB

2025
Keynote speaker (with Alicia Burdess), New Brunswick Numeracy Appreciation Day, New Brunswick (online presentation)

2023
Burdess, Alicia (author). *The Dragon Curve*, graphic illustrations, Code Breaker 2023, Oakville, ON, Aspinall, Brian (founder).

2021
Burdess, Alicia (author). *The Dragon Curve*, graphic illustrations, Friesen Press 2021, Victoria, BC Dhir, Kevin (compiler).

Euphemia McNaught Drawing Book, graphic design/illustration, Art At Home. March 2020. Art activity webpage.

2016 - 2019
Developed and instructed 40+ art and design workshops for all ages, inside and outside of institution, Grande Prairie AB and Vancouver BC

2017
Constellations Collaborative Art Exhibition curator/facilitator, St. Joseph Catholic High School, Grande Prairie AB

2016
Celebration Workshop workshop creator/facilitator, Oak Park Fieldhouse, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, Vancouver BC