RESUMES

GET STARTED

- Create an inventory of your accomplishments. Include education, volunteer experience, jobs, projects, sports, organizational activities, computer skills, special training, and leadership positions.
- Analyze the job description. Address the specific qualifications desired. Identify key words and necessary skills.

FORMAT

- Start with a blank document. Do not use resume templates included in word processing software or online.
- Limit to one page. Set margins at .75" or 1.0" all around. Set paragraph spacing to single space.
- Use font size 11 pt or 12 pt. Use one, easy-to-read font such as Times New Roman, Garamond, or Calibri.
- Avoid graphics, color blocks, and multiple fonts. Make sure your resume can be easily scanned.
- Include your name, address, phone, and professional email address at the top of the page. Align at left or center.
- Ensure section headings are clearly identifiable, emphasized (bold and/or all caps), and in alignment on the page.

OBJECTIVE OR SUMMARY

- Optional. Do not include both an objective and a summary section.
- Objective: clearly state your career expectations (job title or job type) and your ability to contribute to the employer.
- Summary: list 3-5 statements which draw attention to your key qualifications and accomplishments. Include specific computer proficiencies and language skills.

EDUCATION

- Include school name, location (city, state), full degree title, and graduation date or expected graduation date.
- List most recent degree first. Include the degree you are currently pursuing at Mississippi College.
- Do not include high school information after your freshman year.
- Include GPA if 3.0 or above.

EXPERIENCE

- Include company name, location (city, state), job title, dates employed (month year), and 3-5 bulleted action statements.
- List in reverse chronological order (most recent experience first).
- Begin each description with an action verb. Describe past experiences in past tense.
- Write in telegraphic style, not full sentences. Do not use "I," "me," or "my."
- Use clear and concise phrases, not vague passive descriptions.
- Focus on specific and quantifiable results of your work, significant achievements, and recognitions received.

HONORS/ACTIVITIES

- List awards and academic honors received from an employer, organization, or school. Include date(s) received.
- List extracurricular activities and volunteer work during the last four years. Include title (if any) and dates.
- Include leadership positions held in student government, social organizations, academic clubs, and other activities.

MAKE IT HAPPEN

- Double check for grammar and spelling errors. Review for consistency.
- Make sure there are no misrepresentations and you have authored an authentic resume.
- Schedule an appointment with a Career Services professional for review or additional assistance.
- Print on high quality resume paper. Or, save as a .pdf if submitting electronically.

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ACTION WORDS

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Analyze	Anticipate	Appraise	Approve	Arrange	Balance	Classify
Collate	Compare	Compile	Consolidate	Document	Enforce	Modify
Prepare	Process	Record	Retrieve	Set priorities	Systemize	Tabulate

COMMUNICATION / CREATION

Act	Adapt	Advise	Aid	Arbitrate	Clarify	Collaborate
Communicate	Compose	Conceptualize	Consult	Coordinate	Counsel	Create
Define	Design	Develop	Direct	Display	Draw	Fashion
Formulate	Generate	Illustrate	Imagine	Improvise	Influence	Inform
Integrate	Interpret	Interview	Introduce	Market	Mediate	Merge
Negotiate	Perform	Plan	Present	Promote	Publicize	Recommend
Represent	Resolve	Respond	Shape	Suggest	Visualize	Write

FINANCES

Administer	Allocate	Analyze	Appraise	Audit	Budget	Calculate
Compute	Develop	Evaluate	Maintain	Manage	Perform	Plan

LEADERSHIP

Administer	Chair	Convince	Direct	Examine	Execute	Expand
Facilitate	Govern	Improve	Initiate	Inspire	Launch	Lead
Manage	Oversee	Persuade	Produce	Propose	Recommend	Recruit
Review	Serve	Spearhead	Strengthen	Supervise		

MANUAL SKILLS

Apply	Assemble	Build	Construct	Control	Cut	Drive
Handle	Install	Invent	Operate	Prepare	Repair	Test

ORGANIZATION

Achieve	Assign	Consult	Contract	Control	Coordinate	Decide
Delegate	Develop	Establish	Evaluate	Implement	Negotiate	Optimize
Originate	Plan	Prepare	Prioritize	Produce	Recommend	Reconcile
Reorganize	Report	Revise	Simplify	Streamline	Structure	Update

RESEARCH / INVESTIGATION

Analyze	Assess	Calculate	Catalogue	Collect	Compute	Conduct
Correlate	Critique	Determine	Diagnose	Discover	Estimate	Examine
Experiment	Extrapolate	Evaluate	Gather	Identify	Inspect	Investigate
Monitor	Prove	Research	Review	Survey	Test	

TEACHING

Adapt	Advise	Clarify	Coach	Create	Develop	Educate
Encourage	Evaluate	Inform	Inspire	Instruct	Lecture	Motivate
Participate	Provide	Represent	Support	Teach	Train	Tutor

TEAMWORK/SERVICE

Advise	Assist	Attend	Care	Coach	Collaborate	Counsel
Deliver	Demonstrate	Expedite	Explain	Furnish	Generate	Inspect
Install	Instrument	Issue	Mentor	Partner	Preserve	Protect
Provide	Purchase	Reduce Repair	Refer	Repair	Serve	Submit

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Calculate	Compute	Design	Engineer	Fabricate	Improve	Maintain
Operate	Program	Remodel	Repair	Solve		

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RESUME EXAMPLE

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EDUCATION

Mississippi College — Clinton, MS
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration — **May 2011**

Hinds Community College — Raymond, MS
Associate of Arts in General Studies — **May 2009**

EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network — Jackson, MS
Financial Representative Intern — **May 2011-Present**

- Develop and implement financial plans for individuals, businesses and organizations, utilizing knowledge of tax strategies, securities, insurance, pension plans and real estate
- Write, design and produce Personal Needs Analysis for individual needs of clients
- Sell insurance to clients, recommending amount and type of coverage based on individual personal and business needs
- Compile lists of prospective clients to provide leads for additional business
- Contact prospective clients and explain features and merits of policies offered; recommend amount and type of coverage based on analysis of prospect's circumstances; utilize persuasive sales techniques

Mississippi College — Clinton, MS
School of Business Student Assistant — **August 2010-May 2011**

- Performed general office and clerical tasks and work in Dean's suite
- Edited and updated documents and materials pertaining to the school
- Supported professionals in the office
- Used Microsoft Office applications daily to perform needed duties

Telecounselor — **August 2009-May 2010**

- Conducted phone calls to prospective students to encourage attendance
- Facilitated campus tours and Preview Days for incoming students
- Issued follow-up letters to prospective students after initial contact

Newk's Express Café — Clinton, MS
Server — **October 2007-July 2009**

- Excelled in customer service and employee relations
- Trained over 20 employees as a shift leader
- Assisted in the planning and execution of all restaurant events and promotions

ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Mississippi College Scouts — **Spring 2010-2011**
- Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer — **Spring 2011**
- Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, Volunteer — **Fall 2010**
- First Baptist Jackson, Bible Study Teacher — **Spring 2010**
- Baptist Medical Dental Mission International, Volunteer — **Summer 2008, Summer 2009**
- Proficient in Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver and Microsoft Office

RESUME EXAMPLE

Nicole Patterson

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Education
Mississippi College, Clinton, MS
Master of Business Administration, Accounting, Expected: August 2012
- GPA: 3.8

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 2011
- GPA: 3.6

Experience
Horne, LLP, Ridgeland, MS
Assurance Intern, June 2011-Present
- Aid in internal control and financial statement audits of publicly traded and private companies
- Research accounting principles for application to client's needs
- Research, compile, and edit presentations on changes to accounting standards for partners
- Edit proposals to prospective clients
- Compile research of firm's previous assurance contracts for profitability study
- Collect evidence for clients' internal employee benefits audits

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS
Resident Assistant, August 2009-May 2011
- Assisted approximately 40 students with academic, social, and personal matters
- Developed and implemented educational programming for students' interests
- Conducted one-on-one conferences with students to assess their well-being
- Wrote reports, maintained records and assisted residents with housing needs

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Young
Child Care Provider, May 2005-August 2009
- Supervised and cared for children in the absence of primary caregiver
- Prepared meals according to guardian's instructions
- Diplomatically handled confrontational situations

Activities
- Mississippi College Track and Field, Team Member, 2009-2011
- Mississippi College Cross Country, Team Member, 2008-2011
- American Southwest Cross Country Conference Championship, Team Member, 2010, 2011
- All-Conference Second Team Cross Country, Recipient, 2009, 2011
- Accounting Society, Treasurer, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Nenamoosha Social Tribe, Formal Chair, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Welcome Week Leader, Fall 2010
- Orientation Leader, Summer 2010
- Freshman Experience Mentor , Fall 2009

RESUME EXAMPLE

Chris Blackbeard

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Education

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Pre-Physical Therapy — Expected: May 2012

- GPA: 3.56/4.00

Experience

Mississippi Baptist Healthplex, Clinton, Mississippi
Intern — August 2011-Present

- Provide friendly customer service, monitor floor activity, and orient new members
- Assess physical fitness of new clients and create customized fitness programs based on client needs
- Assist in teaching fitness class to children by leading exercises and observing progress
- Lifeguard for swim lessons and assist with water aerobics classes for elderly

Genesis Physical Therapy, Clinton, Mississippi
Physical Therapy Intern — May 2011-August 2011

- Assisted patients performing exercise routines
- Transported patients to and from therapy
- Set up and cleaned treatment area

Sears, Jackson, Mississippi
Sales Associate — July 2010-January 2011

- Solved customer conflicts and complaints and ensured customer satisfaction
- Engaged customers to determine needs
- Opened and closed store; managed and prepared cash register
- Promoted current sales; maintained knowledge of payment, exchange and security policies
- Sold large appliances, electronics, and tools to customers

Mississippi College Community Service Center, Clinton, Mississippi
Tutor — August 2009-May 2010

- Tutored and assisted children individually and in small groups to help them master learning concepts
- Assisted director with maintaining and updating computerized student accounts
- Oversaw tasks of tutors and work of students during director's absence

Honors and Associations

- Mississippi College Baseball Team Member — 2009-Present
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Team Leader — 2009-Present
- Judicial Council — 2010-2011
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee — 2010-2011
- SGA Leadership Award — May 2010
- Academic All-Conference — May 2009, 2010

RESUME EXAMPLE

Katherine Cole

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SUMMARY

- Dedicated educator with demonstrated ability to teach, motivate, and direct students while maintaining high interest and achievement.
- Articulate communicator able to effectively interact with diverse populations of students at a variety of academic levels.
- Consistently maintain excellent relations with students, parents, faculty, and administrators.
- Certifications: Mississippi - AA License, Endorsement 181, Biology (7-12) 2009 – 2019
  Louisiana – OS License – Endorsement 366, Biology (6-12) 2011 – 2014

EDUCATION

Mississippi College Clinton, MS 2011
Master of Education

The University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS 2009
Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

EXPERIENCE

Hinds County Agricultural High School Utica, MS February 2010 – Present
Science Teacher, High School

- Teach Introduction to Biology, Biology I, and Biology II
- Plan, instruct, and facilitate inquiry based lessons for subject area utilizing an array of teaching aids and motivational techniques to encourage students to become active learners
- Serve on the SATP (Subject Area Testing Program) committee to assist in the coordination of student remediation sessions, the development of remediation strategies, and coordination and implementation of practice test schedules
- Provide opportunities for the use of technology for educational research and experimentation as well as monitoring and guiding students in the proper use of such technology

South Jones High School Ellisville, MS January – May 2009
Student Teacher - Integrated Sciences

- Developed and implemented lessons based on the 5E instructional model
- Facilitated hands-on activities with the guidance of a mentor teacher

Camp Ozark Mt. Ida, AR Summers 2007, 2008
Camp Counselor

- Provided leadership to 8-10 children weekly
- Administered activities and socialization for children ages 7-15 years
- Led and organized devotionals, mentoring, and daily schedules

ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

- National Education Association, Member 2011
- Mississippi Professional Educators Association, Member 2010
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Team Captain 2009, 2010
- Mortar Board, Member 2009