



Erika Nicks

UX + VISUAL DESIGNER

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EDUCATION

2013 - Present | Seattle, Washington
Seattle Central Creative Academy
Associates in Graphic Design
Visual & UX/UI Design
(Expected June 2015)

2012 - 2013 | Paris, France
Ecole privée de Français l'International
Certificate of Completion
French Language - Level A2

2007 - 2011 | Seattle, Washington
University of Washington
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies
East Asia Focus, Minor in Japanese

2009 - 2010 | Tokyo, Japan
University of Tokyo - Direct Exchange
Certificate of Completion
International Relations, Japanese Language

SKILLS

Layout + Typography
Human Centered Design (User Research, Personas, User Tasks, Journey Maps)
Wireframing
User Interface Design
Simple and Complex Prototyping
Branding
Motion Graphics
HTML/CSS
Building Living Style Guides
Building Custom Wordpress Templates

SOFTWARE

Design - Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Bohemian Sketch
Prototyping - Marvl, Pixate, UXPin, After Effects, Keynote
Development - Dreamweaver, Sublime, MAMP

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Japanese (bilingual proficiency)
French (beginner-intermediate)

VOLUNTEER WORK

Lots!

DESIGN-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2015 - Present | Fremont, Seattle
Upstream Ventures
Designer
Branded and made comps for LightQ's online app and questionnaire for health care providers and individuals with mental and behavioral health.

Summer 2014 | Fremont, Seattle
Artifact Technologies
Visual/UI Mobile Design Intern
Redlined and assembled assets and layouts for the first Android version of the Mixby app. Participated in sketching paper prototype and testing users for a potential navigation system.

2013 - Present | International District, Seattle
Nikkei Horizons
Freelance Designer
Redesigned and laid out the quarterly course schedule book and small print collateral.

WEEKEND DESIGN SPRINTS

Bindle Investing
Web Design
Spent 52 hours at Startup Weekend researching and building a B2B MVP for a website that will match millennials to funds that align with their values.

Neurological Vocational Services
Web Design
Volunteered at Seattle GiveCamp building two Wordpress sites. One website was a redesign for non-profit Neurological Vocational Services. Led the group in wireframing, IA, and design.

UX-FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Kibo: Social App & Product Design for Seniors
Mobile Design + Product Design
Designed an Internet of Things social-networking app for seniors to increase interconnectivity and reduce loneliness and the effects of dementia.

Illume: Game App for Girls to learn STEM
Mobile Design, Game Design
Designed a game app that empowers girls to discover their strengths and interests in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

Arco Gas Station Redesign
Touch Screen UI + Environmental Design
Redesigned a new system to replace the antiquated experience of getting gas.