



NICK PTACEK
GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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SKILLS

Creative skills, critical thinking, problem solving
Proficiency in Photoshop, Flash, Illustrator, and InDesign CS4
Knowledge of HTML & CSS coding
Background in professional photography and image editing/manipulation
Knowledge of production techniques, screen-printing, bookmaking and assembly
Proficiency in MAC OSX and Windows XP

EDUCATION

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

BA Design | Concentration in Graphic Design
Courses taken in Typography, 3D/Structural Design, Internet Design,
Illustration, Book Arts, Print Production, Publication Design

EXPERIENCE

AS PUBLICITY CENTER GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Graphic Designer | 09/08 - 09/09 | 360.650.7281
Created posters, banners, and handbills for various events on campus
Designed for digital signage and other electronic mediums
Worked with clients in developing solutions and ideas
Met weekly deadlines and tight project schedules

SKAGIT VALLEY GARDENS

Photographer / Designer | 09/07 - 09/08 | 360.424.6144
Created various presentations and helped to design promotional work
Worked with Marketing Manager in creating
Helped to integrate a system for uploading photos to the web site
Took promotional photographs for use in print and web mediums

ROBERT WESS PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographer's Assistant | 09/05 - 09/06 | 360.336.1507
Worked with customers, helping to develop ideas
Retouch artist for entire output of photos including business and commercial gigs
Photographer's Assistant for various weddings/gigs
Basic maintenance around studio

REFERENCES

Robert Wess | Owner, Robert Wess Photography | 360.336.1507
Kent Smith | Senior Design Instructor, WWU | 360.650.3423
Jeff Bates | AS Publicity Center Coordinator | 360.650.7281