



Resume Of Sumari (Maria Susanna) Gildenhuijs

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

As a specialized **Visual Arts Teacher & Special Needs Educator**, my goals include continually improving upon -and upgrading my personal knowledge, skills & resources, in order to become the best equipped employee within any organization, where I may be employed.

I am committed to excellence and will always be supportive of any school's academic vision, agreed upon teaching styles, methods of assessment and other policies. Furthermore, I aim to collaborate with other educators to best enhance the reputation of any school, where I may be employed. I also place high value upon gaining experience and knowledge regarding various cultures, customs and traditions, which will be beneficial for both communication purposes and being more relatable to students from a broad spectrum of differing backgrounds.

Areas Of Teaching Expertise

- Providing education to pupils of all abilities, including students with Special Educational Needs.
- Teaching students to think creatively and innovatively, through challenging perceptions and ideas.
- Proficiency in teaching a variety of Visual Art forms such as etches, lino cuts, beading, advanced painting techniques, drawing techniques in various mediums, design concepts, conceptual art, crafts & the basics of sculptural processes.
- Excellent verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to provide nurturing care, support & guidance to all learners.
- Experience in dealing with challenging and disruptive students.
- Preparing lessons and managing course materials effectively.

Personal Skills

- Able to edify, motivate, inspire, and empower learners from different cultures.
- Adaptable and willing to experiment with new teaching methods.
- Able to persevere and achieve desired outcomes.
- Ability to remain positive and work under pressure.
- Always willing to share personal teaching materials & examples of good teaching practices, with other teachers.
- A team-player.

CAREER HISTORY

Study Break – Selinus University of Sciences & Literature – Offices in Italy, U.K. & USA

PH.D. OF PHILOSOPHY IN ART HISTORY Final Ph.D. certificate, transcripts & grades to be formally authenticated during September 2025
Final Average Grade Score Achieved: **98% - 3.93 GPA**

XCL World Academy (IB Curriculum) – Singapore

M.Y.P. VISUAL ARTS TEACHER (Semester 1: Grade 6 – 10; Semester 2: Grade 6 – 9) August 2022 – Current Date
Responsible for teaching and creating the presentational content for the entire division of M.Y.P. Visual Arts.

Study Break – University of The People, California, USA

MASTERS DEGREE IN ADVANCE TEACHING (Affiliated with The International Baccalaureate Program.) March 2020 – June 2022
Completed the 2 remaining years of study, (part of a 3-year Master's Degree), within a 12-month period.
Final Average Grade Score Achieved: **99% - 3.97 GPA**

Sunway International School (Ontario & IB Curriculums) – Bandar Sunway, Malaysia

HIGH-SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS TEACHER (Ontario Gr.11 & Gr.9 Visual Arts.) January 2018 – June 30th 2021
Responsible for teaching and creating the presentational content for Gr.11 & Gr.9 Visual Arts, while temporarily also assisted in teaching Grade 10 Drama, Grade 10 Civics, Grade 10 Career Studies & Student Success.

Hillside World Academy (I.B. Curriculum) – Singapore

HIGH-SCHOOL, MIDDLE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY I.B. VISUAL ARTS TEACHER (Gr. 1-10.) January 2017 – December 31st 2017
Responsible for teaching and creating all presentational content for Grades 1 -to 10, as the Subject Teacher for IB Visual Arts.

Deira Private School (Cambridge Curriculum) – Dubai, UAE

SUPPLY ART CLUB LEADER & YEAR 2 HOMEROOM TEACHER. July 2016 – December 2016

Responsible for running the Art Club & teaching all the Year-2 Subjects, within the Cambridge Curriculum.

KCIS Private School – China

SUPPLY TEACHER IN ART & ENGLISH January 2016 – June 30th, 2016

Responsible for teaching Grade 1 & 2 Visual Arts, as well as English from Grades 4 -to 6.

The World Needs A Father Non-Profit Organization

PERSONAL ASSISTANT January 2015 – December 31st, 2015

Responsible for key communication between International Events Organizers & responsible for general Office Administration.

Duties

- Organized 12 trips abroad & other local events.
- Communicated with International Events Organizers regarding the content of leadership training programmes.
- Communicated with Angela Blythe, the owner of A2B Travel, on a daily basis.
- Created detailed travel itineraries.
- Submitted summaries of travel expenses in various currencies to the Travel Tax Department.
- Submitted records of expenses from various accounts, for general tax purposes.
- Organized & assisted with catering services.

Be Sharp Beetles Percussion & Music Movement Program

MUSIC ENRICHMENT & PERCUSSION TEACHER July 2014 – December 31st, 2014

Responsible for the musical enrichment & development of children at 11 Kindergartens around the Cape Town region, (from 2 –to 6 years of age), through differing musical styles which represents various cultures.

Duties

- Created props & musical learning materials.
- Taught musical principles through educational rhymes & stories.
- Taught cross-lateral dance movements, while teaching students to play a variety of percussion instruments.
- Taught different music styles & rhythmic methods through percussion.
- Wrote weekly reports and documented individual progress.

South-African Memory Institute

FREELANCE CURRICULUM & TEACHING AID CREATOR January 2014 – June 31st, 2014

Responsible for creating all the presentational materials and teaching aid kits for a 6-month project which was launched by the South-African Memory Institute, regarding various study-methods. The project was highly successful.

Duties

- Created all lesson plans & activities.
- Created all props & teachings aid kits.
- Created all activity examples, representative of the South African Memory Institute textbook guidelines.
- Presented 10 lessons myself, at various underprivileged schools around the Cape Town region.

U.A. Entertainment – South-Africa

SINGER-SONGWRITER & PIANO PERFORMANCE CONTESTANT Duration of 2014

(@ THE 'CAPE TOWN TALENT SEARCH COMPETITION'.)

I was selected as one of the Top-10 contestants from a group of 65 pre-selected contestants who participated in the South-African Cape Town Talent Search Competition. I was expected to perform songs from a variety of musical genres as piano & vocal entertainer at 25 separate events, throughout the duration of 2014.

Herzlia Middle School

SPECIAL NEEDS FACILITATOR January 2012 – 31st December, 2013

Responsible for individualized Special Needs Facilitation & Tutoring. One of my learners' marks improved with a 50% increase in most of his subject-areas.

Duties

- Created a tailor-made curriculum for a Grade 9, I.E.P. learner, with special educational needs.
- Facilitated individual learners during lessons within all 14 subjects from grades 7 -to 9.
- Created individualized study materials.
- Provided one-on-one tutoring.
- Wrote weekly reports and documented individual progress.

Woven Ceramics

FREE-LANCE HAND-MADE PORCELAIN ARTIST September 1st, 2011 – December 31st, 2011

Assisted Karen Kotze, the owner of Woven Ceramics, in producing a variety of delicate hand-made porcelain items for exclusive upmarket display & distribution.

Au Pair America Recruitment Program

AU PAIR July 12th, 2010 – August 10th, 2011

Responsible for taking care of 4 children, between the ages of 5 and 13, while studying in the U.S.A.

Beach Calligrapher Design Studio

FREE-LANCE ASSISTANT & DESIGNER March 2010 - April 30th, 2010

Assisted with the free-hand designs of 24 illuminated scrolls for the 'Cape Town Civic Honours Awards', of which 12 remain archived within the Governmental Archives of South-Africa.

Global Kids English School, Taiwan

ENGLISH & ROLE-PLAY TEACHER July 2008 – December 31st, 2009

Responsible for full-time English Teaching to Kindergarten learners & part time English Teaching to Middle School students.

Duties

- Wrote & taught English role-plays.
- Created props, presentational materials and other teaching aids.
- Taught English phonics, grammar & all other subjects in English.
- Wrote weekly reports and documented individual progress.

Light House Centre Of Learning

ARTS AND CULTURE & AFRIKAANS SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER January 2008 – June 30th, 2008

Responsible for Teaching Arts & Culture to all Grade 4 -to 9 learners, as well as Teaching Afrikaans Second Language to all Grade 7 -to 9 learners.

Duties:

- Created all Arts & Culture Modules from Grades 4 -to 9.
- Taught varying Visual Arts forms, Drama activities & Music Enrichment activities to students from Grades 4 -to 9.
- Taught Grade 7 -to 9 Afrikaans Second Language.
- Created test papers & examination-papers across both subject-areas.
- Managed the Art Budget & Materials.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Selinus University of Sciences & Literature (Offices in Italy, U.K. & U.S.A.), 2025 – 4-Year Ph.D. of Philosophy in Art History.

University Of the People California (U.S.A), 2022 – 3-Year Internationally Accredited Master's Degree in Advanced Teaching, (affiliated with the International Baccalaureate Program).

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (U.S.A.), 2011 – I was admitted to S.A.I.C.'s 2 Year Master's Degree Art Therapy Programme, but was unable to find a scholarship until this point in time.

American Public University (U.S.A.), 2011 – Completed courses in Psychotherapy, Addiction & Substance Abuse & Personality Theories

Oakton Community College – Illinois, (U.S.A), 2011 – Completed a Web Design Course

Oakton Community College – Illinois, (U.S.A), 2010 – Completed an Advanced Painting Course

- One of my paintings were selected from amongst 8 colleges to be part of the Skyway Art Exhibition which was hosted by Moraine Valley Community College in Chicago, U.S.A.

Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South-Africa), 2007 – 4-Year B.Ed. Bachelor's Degree in Intermediate & Senior Phase Teaching.

- Final Year Subjects included Visual Art, Music Enrichment & Remedial Teaching.

Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South-Africa), 2003 – Passed all First Year Graphic Design subjects.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- **Full Names:** Sumari (Maria Susanna) Gildenhuys
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