**Kevin Pearson**

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Psychology graduate (1st) with strong interpersonal and analytical skills and the ability to build and develop relationships seeking a graduate scheme in accountancy

**Education**

**2019 -2022 BSc (Hons) Psychology (1st) Edge Hill University, Lancashire**

**Relevant modules**: Research Methods and Data analysis, Organisational Psychology

* Conducted independent research using a range of numeracy and data analytical skills using SPSS and Excel.
* Critical thinking required to accurately apply established techniques of analysis and enquiry to address problems in my 10,000-word dissertation
* Actively participated in seminars and group discussions presenting my opinions/ findings concisely and articulately.
* Contributed effectively as part of a team of 6 towards a shared goal in an assessed group presentation to 50 peers. As team leader was responsible for allocating group tasks and ensuring the task deadlines were met.

**2012 -2019 Ormskirk Academy, Ormskirk, Lancashire**

 **A Levels**: Psychology (A), Philosophy and Religion (B), Art (B)

 **9 GCSEs**: Grades (6-9) including English, maths, science

**Key skills**

**Communication**

* Actively participated in seminars and group discussions presenting my opinions/ findings concisely and articulately. Successfully presented my dissertation findings to my peer group and 5 lecturers achieving a 1st.
* Developed concise budget reports in my role as treasurer for the psychology society at EHU.
* Raised awareness of the effects of dementia to family members in volunteering role at the Walton Neurology Centre. As a result, money was raised to produce information leaflets for members of the public.
* Teaching English as a second language both one to one and in small groups of 5 Chinese students requiring excellent spoken/written communication and effective listening skills.

**Teamwork**

* Trained a group of student ambassadors in open day practice showing prospective students/parents around the EHU campus.
* Team leader for a successful group assessed presentation on SPSS ensuring that team roles were allocated according to strengths. Ability to analyse the steps needed in achieving goal deadlines by monitoring their weekly progress.
* Liaised with members of the ‘pain management’ team at Walton Neuro on how to use active listening skills when chatting to patients.

**Analytical skills**

* Managed a budget of £2000 as treasurer for the EHU Psychology society communicating findings in a meaningful way using graphs/tables to student board.
* Created and analysed health awareness research with 100 students and academics during degree using questionnaires, interviews, and numerical data analysis (SPSS). Results written up in a 10,000-dissertation achieving a 1st.

**Problem solving**

* Cognitive psychology module used complex problem-solving techniques when analysing and evaluating information from different sources for course work at university.
* Developed a database to track customer satisfaction for the digital marketing campaigns run by the ‘pain management’ programme to accurately record outcomes to promote future best practice.
* Negotiation skills required when working alongside Chinese students reluctant to speak English aloud. Patience and sense of humour needed to explain the nuances of the English language in conversation classes with groups of up to 8 students.
* Creative problem-solving skills and ideas required for planning practical and interesting lessons for Lingnan University students e.g., explaining the idiosyncrasies of the English language, discussing cultural differences using role play exercises

**Work experience**

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| **May 2020 –June 2022**  | **Volunteer care worker, Walton Neurology Centre** |

* Built effective relationships with patients and families across two teams through effective communication and negotiation skills, providing emotional support when necessary.

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| **May – August 2019** | **Dementia Volunteer, Age Concern, Ormskirk, Lancashire** |

* Developed and engaged in teamwork activities with elderly dementia clients. Conducted regular needs assessments reporting findings to centre manager.

**Oct 2019 – October 2020 Jobs on campus (various) at Edge Hill University**

* Numerous roles e.g., student ambassador delivering presentations to pupils in schools on the benefits of Higher Education and conducted tours at open days.

**June 2019 – August 2019 Volunteer teacher, Lingnan University, Hong Kong**

* Taught English as a foreign language to Chinese university students, one to one and in small groups of five.

**Achievements**

* Elected treasurer of the EHU Psychology society in 2020 responsible for managing a budget of £2000 and producing reports to the student board.
* Successfully applied for a £500 bursary from the EHU student opportunity fund to attend a two-day Psychology conference in London.
* Received a volunteering achievement award at the EHU careers awards evening for raising awareness at Age Concern.

**Additional skills**

* EHU Extra Edge Certificate achieved from completing a range of employability activities.
* Full, clean driving licence.
* Experienced user of SPSS (software for analysing data) with strong knowledge of MS Office, including Access, Word, Power Point and Excel.
* Languages- conversational French and basic Spanish.

**Interests**

* **Sports**: Cross country athletics for my local club and take part in weekly Park runs at EHU attempting to improve my weekly record.
* **Cookery:** Regularly enjoy making Asian cuisine after my time spent in the far east and having attended a couple of cookery lessons in Hong Kong.

**References available on request**