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# Alina Russo

September 2012 – May 2016

## B.F.A in Illustration

University of Hartford

GPA: 3.41

Cum Laude

Major: Illustration, Minor: Art History

Art Courses: Ceramics I+II, 3D Sculpture, 2D Design,

Typography (Adobe InDesign and Adobe Illustrator),

Printmaking, Black and White Film Photography, Issues in Art

Making I+II, Watercolor, Oil, Drawing, and Acrylic Illustration,

Digital Illustration I+II (Adobe Photoshop), Advertisement for

Illustration, Book Illustration, 3D Illustration I+II (Maya),

Western Art Heritage, Art Across the Borders, Japanese

Contemporary Art

Other Courses: Psychology 100, Western Literature, Rhetoric

and Writing, Adult Journey, Immigrants of America

Fall Semester Study Abroad (September-November 2015)

Studied in Cortona, Italy with the University of Georgia

Courses: Art History, Egg Tempera Paint, Oil Paint, Italian

## Other Skills and Experiences

-Adobe Photoshop

-Adobe Illustrator

-Adobe Premiere

-Excel

-Salesforce

-Wix

-Constant Contact

- Creative problem solving
- Communication
- Customer Service
- Motivated and diligent

### Internships:

-Wadsworth Atheneum Registrar

-Winter's Associate's Auction

Preparer

### Exhibitions:

-2017 Pequot Library Juried

Exhibition

-2021 Litchfield Juried Art Festival

-2021 CWA Annual Juried Art

Exhibition

Feb 2025- Present

## Art Instructor

Village Arts Centre, *Auckland, NZ*

Leading in the instruction of the foundations of drawing, watercolor, and acrylic painting to adults. Crafting a personal experience for each learner.

2019 – Present

## Illustrator and Graphic Designer

**Alina Russo Fine Art & Illustration, Remote**

Freelance Illustrator and sole proprietor. Commissioned for children's books, book covers, posters, food labels, logos, brochures, menus and invitations. Skills include meeting deadlines, working under pressure, taking critique and feedback, and delivering quality work.

2022-2024

## Graphic Design Department Supervisor

**AdSpaceUSA, West Haven, CT**

Started as the Graphic Design Assistant as the supporting role to the lead graphics designer creating ads for print on placemats, coffee mugs and menus working directly with clients on dozens of ads a day in a fast-paced environment. Promoted to lead Graphic Designer. Lead in ad creation, production and print management and scheduling, social media management, and customer service for the graphics department.

2019 – 2021

## Receptionist

**Thames Valley Relief, Montville, CT, US**

Part-time front desk associate at Thames Valley Relief Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Tasks include answering the phone, aiding patients in the Medical Marijuana Program Application, answer emails, checking patients in. Skills include multi-tasking and providing excellent customer service.

2017-2020

## Art Educator and Care Provider

**Saint John's Catholic School, Old Saybrook, CT**

Art Educator educating students grades kindergarten through eighth grade using self-constructed lesson plans based on the Fine Arts Curriculum Standards of the Norwich, CT Diocese. Additional work as part time after school care provider.