

Transmedia Designer - Marketing Agency

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I've heard about the old days when some designers could specialize in one medium, like print or TV. Today, we need to be able to tell multi-faceted client stories that invoke emotion across many media from digital to print to entertainment to TV to outdoor to experiential events and beyond. That's transmedia. I need the ability to craft rich, interconnected brand storylines and the design skills to deliver on this creative vision across many layers of a customer journey. Creative storytelling combined with technical skill is my unique value proposition.

The Tip: Join a club that is outside of your comfort zone. There is magic in being different.

PRIORITY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

Strategic Marketing

- Develop & execute a positioning strategy
- Develop & execute a brand strategy
- Conduct a competitive analysis
- Conduct an environmental scan
- Develop & apply a segmentation strategy

Research & Insight

- Demonstrate empathy & curiosity
- Leverage contextual knowledge
- Ability to analyze data
- Leverage research to support consumer insights
- Presentation & report-writing skills
- Use analytics tools

Product management

- Measure return on investment (ROI)
- Manage a budget
- Manage projects

Communications & Branding

- Develop & execute a media plan
- Sponsorship & community investment
- Leverage earned media
- Leverage event & experiential marketing
- Leverage influencer marketing
- Develop a promotional strategy
- Knowledge of media psychology
- Apply marketing within a CSR framework

Content Curation & Design

- Apply visual design fundamentals
- Conduct content research & curation
- Develop original content
- Apply creative production processes
- Develop content schedule & plan
- Use design tools

BUILDING BLOCK EXPERIENCES:

Education & Learning:

- Diplomas in both graphic design and creative technologies for marketing
- Transmedia Aesthetics and Technology Summer program at New York University
- Online screenwriting course from Masterclass
- Continued professional development courses to maintain familiarity in design software

Employment Experiences:

 Website designer and content creator for local retailer with community engagement The medium still is the message. I love that marketing mediums are constantly changing. When I learned about transmedia marketing, a professor helped me craft a learning path that included training in the arts, mastering of storytelling forms, and building marketing technology credentials.

I watched *Mad Men* on TV and realized how different a marketing agency is today. New technology has radically changed how marketing

 Co-op work term at digital agency as a project coordinator Co-op work term as editorial design assistant at magazine Digital design lead in a boutique agency Data storytelling designer for a research firm Transmedia designer at global children's toy and entertainment company 	campaigns are designed. To gain the experience I needed to lead the creation of immersive brand storytelling and multi-channel marketing promotion and entertainment, I sought out a range of jobs that helped me explore the intersection of digital media with principles of marketing, consumer psychology, design, data and creative production.
Community Experiences: Volunteer on communications committees for comic book convention, literary conference and film festival Literacy tutor for new immigrants	I volunteer with people and organizations that understand the power of storytelling (through images, words and music) to change people's lives and galvanize community action.
Contextual Experiences: Created a transmedia-style portfolio which included video, graphic design, a comic strip, a podcast-style interview, a short story, a print ad, a colouring book & a personal brand book	My friends and I are always mashing up old and new media in our creative projects. Although I'm not a big gamer, I like to keep up to date on gaming's influence on entertainment and culture.
Relationships: • Belong to a creative group of friends interested in film, music, writing, design and	My friends, colleagues and neighbours are endless sources of inspiration, knowledge, stories and creative exploration.

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