

Abigail Owusu Afriyie

Scottsbluff, NE, 69361

224-999-5439

aoafriyie1998@gmail.com

[Portfolio](#)

EDUCATION

- 2023 **School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL**
Bachelor of Fine Arts, emphasis in Fashion Design
Distinguished Scholarship Recipient
- 2020 **Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL**
Associate of Fine Arts

CERTIFICATES

- **Mandated Reporter**-Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (2024)
- **CPR & First Aid**- Indigo Medical Training (2023)
- **Basic Life Support (CPR and AED)**- American Heart Association
- **The Office of Diversity Initiatives Fall 2022: Workshops on Diversity Initiatives**- Purdue University (2023)
- **Editing Made Easy Certificate of Participation**- Mount Zion Film Academy (2023)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Design Lab Instructor, 10/2023-06/2025

Chicago Center for Arts and Technology- Chicago, IL

- Planned, prepared, and delivered high-quality instruction, mentoring, and development of students in the Design Lab program.
- Maintained accurate student attendance, grades, records, and other data in CHICAT's learning management system
- Ensured high student engagement and retention with hands-on instruction and student support.
- Developed student leadership and workplace skills.
- Managed installation of student work for the final exhibitions
- Cultivated and retained relationships with business, industry, and community partners through advisory committees, professional associations, and other organizations to enhance and promote Youth Arts programming
- Chaired a committee for CHICAT's first fashion show fundraiser. Recruited local fashion designers and effectively delegated tasks to staff members.

Youth Arts Teaching Artist, 2023

Chicago Center for Arts and Technology- Chicago, IL

- Inspire students and assist in developing creativity and self-expression through various art forms and media.
- Develop and implement various thematic lesson plans, utilizing age-appropriate material and focusing on relevant topics.

SKILLS

Proficient in Adobe
Photoshop, Illustrator,
Premiere Pro

Proficient in Microsoft Excel,
Word, & PowerPoint

Beginner in Gerber AccuMark

Proficient sewing & garment
construction skills

Proficient flat pattern making
and draping skills

Advanced Painting and
Drawing skills

Excellent teamwork skills

Excellent leadership &
teamwork skills

AWARDS

Chicago Makers Fund,
Chicago, IL(2022)

**PPN Academic Achievement
Award,** Church of Pentecost
USA, USA (2021)

**Barbara Zenner Award for
Outstanding New Artist in
Film, Video, and New Media
for Artbash-** School of the Art
Institute of Chicago, Chicago,
IL (2021)

SAIC Distinguished Scholar,
School of the Art Institute of
Chicago, Chicago, IL(2020)

**William A. Koehonline
Scholarship,** Oakton
Community College, Des
Plaines, IL(2020)

**Wentcher Transfer
Scholarship,** Oakton
Community College, IL(2019)

Contemporary Practices Teaching Assistant, 01/2023-03/2023

School of the Art Institute of Chicago- Chicago, IL

- Assist professors in two courses to provide technical & conceptual assistance, critical responses, and supervision to first-year students.

Office Assistant, 01/2023-03/2023

School of the Art Institute of Chicago- Chicago, IL

- Assist with filing, mailings, running occasional errands, and supporting Collections staff as needed.

Fashion Intern, 2022

Maria Pinto- Chicago, IL

- Supported fulfillment of orders to customer satisfaction.
- Performed duties by steaming clothes and setting up displays

Media Center Equipment Circulation Facilitator, 09/2022-12/2022

School of the Art Institute of Chicago- Chicago, IL

- Served SAIC students by loaning digital equipment and received incoming check-outs.
- Kept track of equipment inventory.
- Provided knowledge on how to use digital equipment. e.g, Cameras, cables, etc.

Continuing Studies Enrollment Office Assistant, 06/2022-08/2022

School of the Art Institute of Chicago- Chicago, IL

- Provided day-to-day assistance to the Continuing Studies marketing and enrollment team by responding to a large volume of emails, phone calls, and walk-ins
- Filed and organized documents as assigned

Fashion Design Intern, 2022

Obioma Fashion- Chicago, IL

- Designed clothes and created prices for the Spring collection
- Performed alterations on garments with tears, broken zippers, etc.
- Helped manage social media platforms
- Assisted in managing photo and video shoots

Fashion Tradeshow Sales & Set up Help, 2022

Koastal Konnection- Chicago, IL

- Assisted with setting up booth for Stylemax event
- Performed duties by steaming, organizing lines, and setting up garment displays

Fashion Teaching Assistant, 2022

School of the Art Institute of Chicago- Chicago, IL

- Assisted the main instructor in executing course lessons and activities
- Photographed and documented student work
- Managed installation of student work for final exhibition

Dresser, 2022

School of the Art Institute of Chicago- Chicago, IL

- Volunteer at the SAIC 2022 fashion show, *Humanature*
- Received and executed instructions from designers on how to dress models in their clothes & accessories.

Summer Arts Fellow- Design Lab Teacher Assistant, 2021

Chicago Center for Arts and Technology- Chicago, IL

- Collaborated with the main instructor on building and executing lesson plans for the course.
- Coached high school students in fashion collection development and garment construction.

Front Desk Receptionist, 06/2019 -01/2020

Oakton Community College- Skokie, IL

- Directed incoming calls to internal personnel and departments
- Welcomed daily visitors and clients upon arrival, offered assistance, and answered questions.
- Maintained files and records by implementing effective filing systems that boosted efficiency and organization.

Chicago Lights Tutor (Volunteer), 06/2018 to 08/2018

Chicago Lights – Chicago, IL

- Provided meaningful math and composition writing tutoring to improve the academic skills of 5th-grade children.
- Explained concepts in a caring and encouraging environment to help kids thrive and learn.

EXHIBITIONS

CHICAT Still We Rise: Women, Art, and Resilience (2025)- Chicago Center for Arts and Technology, Chicago, IL

CHICAT Fashion Show Fundraiser (2024)- Chicago Center for Arts and Technology, Chicago, IL

Haute Couture Club of Chicago Fashion Show (2024)-Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, IL ([Photos](#))

Featured on [Obioma Website](#)

Fashion Futures-Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

FVNMAS (Film, Video, New Media, Animation, and Sound) Festival -Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL

Fashion 2022 Humanature-Sophomore Fashion Exhibition-School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Rebirth Through the Light (Solo Exhibition)-Chicago Center for Arts and Technology, IL

House, Fashion & the Pursuit of _____ -School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

SAIC 2021 Art Bash Black Box-School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Skyway exhibition-Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL

OakArt exhibition-Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL

Illinois Community College Juried Exhibition (ICCJE) 2020- Governors State University, University Park, IL