# **Rick Horton**

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Goal-focused and accomplished professional with substantial experience in project/program management, relationship building, and curriculum/professional development. Proven track record of success in implementing a new learning management system, leading training various programs, and turning around a stalled learning curriculum. Demonstrated history of architecting and executing talent development programs to drive professional growth and accountability across organization; creating cohesive, world class overall training & development program for executives. Articulate and refined communicator; proficient in forging, nurturing, and maintaining professional relationships with stakeholders at all levels.

# **Areas of Expertise**

- Training & Development
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Staff Training & Leadership
- Content Design & Development
- Needs Analysis & Training Evaluation
- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Relationship Management
- Cross-functional Collaboration

# **Professional Experience**

# PLASKOLITE, Columbus, Ohio

## Learning & Development Manager

Launched PLASKOLITE Learning using a blended approach grounded in adult learning principles.

• Established and implemented strategy for distributor network training. (23 self-study courses and 1 workshop)

## American Family Insurance, Columbus, Ohio

## **Instructional Designer**

Administer end-to-end activities such as analyzing, designing, developing, implementing, and maintaining organization's Farm/Ranch curriculum. Steer team of five instructional designers to tailor over 100 micro-learning deliverables over eight months.

• Hand-picked to head designing and employing of learning interventions for a large Commercial Lines initiative.

## Ariel Corporation, Mt. Vernon, Ohio

## **Instructional Design Lead**

Spearheaded team to craft and deploy organization's training content, including designing of homegrown curriculum, vetting external content, and overseeing learning management system.

• Streamlined department's brand and standards across all operations to enhance efficiency and quality.

# 2021 – Present

# 2015 – 2016

2016 - 2021

#### Huntington National Bank, Columbus, Ohio

#### **Senior Curriculum Designer**

Conceptualized the retail department's training curriculum while leading all aspects of ADDIE model. Leveraged in-depth knowledge of diverse training modalities to devise robust training content.

• Received promotion from position of Instructional Designer to Senior Curriculum Designer for delivering exceptional performance throughout tenure.

#### State Auto Insurance, Columbus Ohio

#### **Senior Training & Development Specialist**

Structured and rebuilt on-boarding curriculum for claims call center, facilitating organizational needs by establishing balance between shorter training period and end user efficiency.

#### American Family Insurance, Columbus, Ohio

#### **Project Manager**

Headed all training projects training projects surrounding deployment of new systems and products. Revitalized timelines by collaborating cross-functionally with training leadership, subject matter experts, and project stakeholders.

# **Additional Experience**

Instructor, American Family Insurance

Team Leader, Progressive Insurance

# Education

Master's in Education with Major in Training and Performance Improvement Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2014

Bachelor's in Communication with Major in Telecommunication Ohio University, Ohio

# Affiliations

Past President, Central Ohio Association for Talent Development, 2016 President, Central Ohio Association for Talent Development, 2015 President-Elect, Central Ohio Association for Talent Development, 2014

# **Technical Proficiency**

Adobe: Creative Cloud | Audition | Illustrator | Photoshop | InDesign | Captivate | Bridge | XD

Articulate 360: Rise 360 | Storyline 360 | Review 360 | Content Library 360 | Rise LMS

Camtasia | Lectora | Kaltura | Snag-It

Envato Elements | Vyond | WebEx Zoom | Microsoft Office Suite

Learning Management Systems: Saba | Cornerstone | Xyleme | Articulate Rise

# 2013

#### 2011 - 2013