

Exemplar Buddy Check 1

Overall Design:

*Font sizes and colors seemed consistent throughout portfolio. It was easy to read and follow.

*The Twitter link on your contact page did not seem to work for me. Is that something you can check?

*On the menu bar, it was surprising to have the resume as a heading and also a page with other pages underneath. Could you rename the heading and then go to a landing page that linked to the resume, professional development, and cover letter?

*It is a personal choice, but please be aware that you are putting a lot of unprotected information up on the web. The PDF of your resume has your phone number, email, and full transcripts. Your cover letter has your address. Have you considered if all this information should be fully available?

Goal Reflection Essay:

*I like how you are able to evaluate your goals in very concrete terms within this essay.

*In the first paragraph, I believe it should be "S.M.A.R.T." goals since it is an acronym.

*In the last paragraph, I think you may be missing some words- knowledge [gained] through my courses grown as a teacher and a coach [during] the past four years.

*In the last sentence, I would advise to watch your use of Master of (for a specific degree like "Master of Arts in Educational Technology") or master's degree (for a generic degree "I wanted to get my master's degree to improve my teaching). Check out <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/masters-degree/> for more info. I think this masters degree should not be capitalized.

*The second and third from last sentences seem to be in 3rd instead of 1st person. Since the rest of the essay is in first person, you may want to change these as well.

* The PDF version has different title than on web version.

Resume:

*Your resume is very clean and focused.

Work Experience:

*You have an extra line between information for Boylston Elementary and Millbury Jr./Sr. High. This formatting isn't consistent with your other listings.

*It looks like the South Hadley dates moved to next line. I would reformat so they are all on one line.

Coaching experience:

*You have an extra line between information for the Jr. High Football and and high School lacrosse club. This formatting isn't consistent with your other listings.

*The spaces before and after parenthesis in your dates for lacrosse club are missing.

Related work:

*Your listing for Saturday and After School Detention Proctor does not list dates when all your other listings have dates.

*You are missing the ending parenthesis after SES Summer Camp: Outdoor Games Teacher (2013

PDF:

*Your listing for "assisted with powder puff game" under South Hadley High has a period when the other listings don't

*Your information for Saturday school and after school supervisor doesn't have dates when all the rest do.

Showcase:

* Your showcase entries are easy to navigate and see how these relate to your overall goals.

* Your method of accessing the project is consistent across the page.

* I noticed that your goal reflection essay says four years for the program in first sentence and your synthesis paper says four years for the program in last paragraph. Your showcase introduction says five years. You should have this consistent.

*Missing word - During KIN 856, I was able to create a rough draft of [my/a – a word seems to be missing here] strength and condition packet for my club hockey team

*In your Professional Network piece: missing words - athletic trainers, [and] dentist[s]

*In your Anti-hazing policy introduction, I think you have an extra space up front.

*For your showcase projects, could you perhaps have links to PDF or Google Docs? All of these seemed to download as Word documents. If you do keep the Word format, I would rename them to match what is online. For example, the final reflection paper has a file name that is currently misspelled.

Future learning goals essay:

- * I love that you are committed to being a lifelong learner. That is so important in education.
- * I would encourage you to have the downloadable version be a PDF or Google Doc instead of a Word document.
- *In your downloadable version, I would take out “module 7”. I wouldn't reference this as a course assignment.
- *Your essay has when you “retire in a million years”. Could this instead be changed to something like, “throughout my career and beyond”.
- * One of your sentences states, “Being a student takes commitment. I plan on continuing” I might change this to something like, “ I will continue...”
- * In the 2nd paragraph, I was a little confused about your goal. Are you currently a level 4 coach? Is it necessary for you to become level 5 to continue coaching or is this just taking the next step?
- *Could you link to something about your S.P.A.R.K. training?
- * In the last two sentences, you seem to have a confusing analogy. You are saying you will not be complacent throughout your essay. Then, in the last sentence, are you saying you will hit the curve ball out the park? (This may just be my lack of baseball understanding! My kids are swimmers. :))

Annotated Transcript:

- * You have all of the correct length and information for all your entries.
- *I might list “Instructor(s):” since some of your classes had multiple teachers.
- * In your last sentence in CEP 820 – missing word [had] different ways for students to interact
- * Missing letter in KIN 856 - doctors, dentist[s],

Synthesis essay:

*You included a lot of information to help the reader see how you have developed your passion for teaching and coaching.

In the 2nd paragraph, I think that “master's degree” should not be capitalized in this case.

In the 3rd paragraph, it's not Munn's arena, but “Munn Ice Arena”

In the 4th paragraph, I would spell out undergraduate instead of “undergrad”

In the 4th paragraph, I didn't see what your third concentration was.

In the last paragraph I think that master's degree should not be capitalized in this case.

I would have your downloadable piece be a PDF or Google Doc instead of a Word document. I would also take off the course heading.

Cover Letter – Piece of Flair

*It looks like you are looking for a full time job with your current district. Good luck with your job search!

* I was unable to get the PDF link to work.

* The first paragraph on web (scribd version) is missing at least part of a sentence.

* I would include this as part of the web page rather than a scribd document.

*I would change the 2nd paragraph to describe that you have earned your degree. You don't want this be out of date in just a few weeks.

Professional Development – Piece of Flair

*While you have a great start on this piece of flair, I don't think you you are yet meeting all of the requirements for this part of the assignment. According to the pieces of flair description, this should include

----the title of the training (looks great!)

----where / why it happened (not yet included)

----a brief description of what the session included (at least three sentences) (not yet included)

----a reflection on how this has or has not been useful to your practice (not yet included)

----when applicable or possible, a link to further resources on the training or an artifact from the session (not yet included)

About me- Piece of Flair

*I had looked at this piece of flair earlier and wanted to mention again how much I like your formatting for this piece.

* I would add your graduation date for your masters program to the college line.