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Education

Bachelor of Arts: Visual Art Education

Expected in 05/2027

Hope College - Holland, MI

High School Diploma

05/2023

Benet Academy - Lisle, IL

Professional Summary

Nicolas (Nico) Kazlauskas is a Visual Arts and Education major at Hope College. With experience in various classroom environments, Nico has written, planned, and delivered lessons for students in grades K-12, including Special Education classrooms. His work has fostered a deep passion for visual art and its connection to education, both within and beyond the classroom.

Work History

TEDx Speaker

11/2024 to 02/2025

TEDx – Holland, MI

- Exemplifies strong public speaking skills through weekly professional development meetings with curators.
- Wrote, memorized, refined, and publicly delivered a live speech at a TED event for TEDx's official YouTube page and library.

Painting TA

12/2024 to Current

Hope College – Holland, MI

- Manage classroom behavior effectively, creating a positive learning atmosphere conducive to academic success.
- Help with grading assignments and critiques, provide constructive feedback to students based on results.
- Partner with the professor to plan and implement lessons following the school's curriculum, goals, and objectives.

Resident Artist and Teacher

05/2025 to 08/2025

Purple Brush Art – Naperville, IL

- Mentored emerging and adult artists, providing guidance on technique and professional development within the artistic community.
- Developed curriculum for workshops aimed at skill-building in painting, sculpture, and mixed media techniques.
- Improved studio workflow by implementing efficient processes for art material management and project tracking.

Guest Experience Facilitator	08/2022 to Current
Dupage Children's Museum – Naperville, IL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster an inclusive learning environment by addressing diverse needs and adapting facilitation techniques. • Increase child engagement by incorporating interactive activities and group discussions into play. 	
Photographer and Photography Editor	08/2023 to Current
The Anchor Newspaper – Holland, MI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver high-quality images under tight deadlines, demonstrating strong time management skills. • Photograph high-quality images for various print and digital projects. • Manage multiple projects simultaneously by prioritizing deadlines and maintaining excellent organization. 	
Film and Media Production Education Placement	01/2025 to Current
Careerline Technology Center – Holland, MI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with day-to-day operations, working efficiently with all team members, mentor teachers and students. • Demonstrates strong communication skills through regular interactions with others. 	
Elementary Art Education Placement	08/2024 to 12/2025
Lincoln Elementary – Holland, MI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with day-to-day operations, working efficiently and productively with all team members, mentor teacher, and students K-5. • Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written. 	
Special Education Placement Teacher	01/2024 to 05/2024
Holland High School – Holland, MI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with a mentor teacher to manage classroom behavior effectively by establishing clear expectations, modeling appropriate conduct, and consistently enforcing established rules and consequences. • Differentiated instruction to accommodate diverse learning needs, ensuring each student had an equal opportunity for success. 	
Skills	
<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Speaking • Studio Art Practice • Adobe Suite • Welding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Management • Lesson Planning • Camera Operations and Photography • Contemporary Arts