

LAURA ELISE RYDER

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Professional Experience

Scientific Editor

Laura Ryder, Proofreader/Editor

May 2020–Present

- Edit, format, and proofread scientific research articles for a variety of peer-reviewed journals
- Includes developmental editing, copyediting, and post-acceptance editing

Proofreader/Editor

Laura Ryder, Proofreader/Editor

May 2020–Present

- Proofread articles, web pages, blog posts, and other works for errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and word usage

Independent Fashion Retailer

March 2017–April 2020

LuLaRoe

- Apply stellar communication skills, attention to detail, and interpersonal skills to provide customers with clothing that fits their style and body type
- Single-handedly and effectively handle marketing, budgeting, sales, and client relations

Research Assistant

April 2016–December 2016

Henry Jackson Foundation / Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

- Use microbiology and virology laboratory skills to study the behavior of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Work independently and alongside senior researchers to maintain a highly functioning laboratory system

Public Health Laboratory Technologist

September 2013–April 2016

Fairfax County Public Health Department Laboratory

- Receive, visually inspect, and data-enter incoming specimens for laboratory testing
- Culture and identify various mycobacteria, particularly *M. tuberculosis*, in a BSL-3 laboratory setting
- Perform drug susceptibility testing to determine treatment regimens of patients infected with *M. tuberculosis*
- Assist in writing and revising standard operating procedures
- Review data to ensure compliance with test specifications
- Perform quality control and preventative maintenance on all BSL-3 equipment
- Document all work in compliance with APHL and CLIA standards
- Serve on the laboratory's quality assurance and web page committees

Learning Assistant, Introduction to Astronomy**August 2012–May 2013**

Virginia Tech

- Utilize strong knowledge of basic astronomy concepts to create test questions for current students
- Review and grade projects completed by current students
- Design and obtain various media content to enforce basic astronomy concepts taught in the course

Education**General Proofreader / Freelancer****May 2020**

Proofread Anywhere™ online training course

- Freelance with multiple editing services to edit, polish, and format scientific research papers for publication in American and British journals.
- Use my excellent English skills and strong eye for details to train as a freelance proofreader, focusing on the 17th Edition of the Chicago Manual of Style

B.S. Biochemistry (with minors in Astronomy and Chemistry)**May 2013**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

- Overall GPA: 3.38

Phlebotomist**November 2014**

Fairfax County Public Schools, Adult and Community Education

- Certified to draw blood in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia

Awards and Acknowledgements**Golden Key International Honour Society****2009–Present****National Society of Collegiate Scholars****2009–Present****Honors Program, Virginia Tech****2008–2011****Activities and Leadership Positions****Member and Fundraising Chair****2009–2013**

Contemporary Dance Ensemble of Virginia Tech

- Choreograph for and perform with the ensemble to further develop dance education
- Plan and execute fundraising events for the 2012–2013 school year

Member and President**2009–2011**

Make-A-Wish Foundation Team at Virginia Tech

- Work closely with students and faculty to raise awareness and funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Organize and direct team meetings, arrange and oversee fundraising events, and effectively communicate with large groups of Virginia Tech students and faculty as well as regional representatives
- Previously held position: Secretary, 2009–2010

References available upon request.