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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Deanna Gisborne has an education that spans health administration (community care), psychology, and visual art, and works across health administration, community engagement, and art. Her interdisciplinary focus is united by a strong motivation to create client-centred, equitable, and meaningful experiences for her community and the individuals within it.

**AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Health Administration
- Community Engagement
- Art

## EDUCATION

2023-2024 Ted Rogers School of Management, M.H.A., Health Administration (Community Care) – **Toronto Metropolitan University**, Toronto, ON, Canada

2015-2021 School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design, B.F.A., Hons. Dbl. Maj. Studio Visual Arts & Psychology – **York University**, Toronto, ON, Canada

2022-2023 Health Records Clerk Certificate – **George Brown College**, Toronto, ON, Canada

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Visual Artist, Self-employed**, ON, Canada. (2025-present)

- Part-time production of commissioned art pieces, working with clients to achieve their desired product.
- Self-managing to meet project timeline requirements

**Founder, Art Collective (in development)**, ON, Canada. (2025-present)

- Planning an art collective with the purpose of providing a space for creative community and support, and with the core tenet that it be accessible and inclusive.

**Client Care Coordinator, Toronto Counselling Centre for Teens**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2022-2025)

- Coordinated a team of 20+ mental health practitioners, ensuring smooth operations and excellent services, and creating organizational growth
- Spearheaded administrative procedures, performed staff onboarding and training, and ensured quality of services
- Expanded accessibility of services through direct billing introduction and implementation; completed payroll

**Capstone Project (MHA Program), VHA Home HealthCare**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2024)

- Engaged stakeholders to determine inefficiencies, conducted an environmental scan of rehabilitation technologies, and proposed an implementation plan of the chosen technology for VHA's rehabilitation services

**Active Screener, Women's College Hospital**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2020-2022)

**Contributing Writer and Artist Outreach, The Trauma and Mental Health Report**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019-2020)

**Peer Mentor Coordinator, Undergraduate Psychology Student Association**, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019-2020)

**Administrative Assistant, Peter Gilgan Centre for Women's Cancers**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

**Clerical Support, The Toronto Academic Pain Medicine Institute**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

**Programs Director, Visual Arts Student Association**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

**Drawing Representative, Visual Arts Student Association**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2018-2019)

**Peer Tutor, Undergraduate Psychology Student Association**, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2018-2019)

**Gallery Monitor, Art Gallery of York University**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2016-2018)

**Performance Art Set Designer, PlayGround Festival York University**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2017-2018)

**PlayGround Festival Visual Art Team Member (Program Design), York University**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2017-2018)

## **SELECTED RESEARCH AND WRITING**

The Effect of the Expansion of Mental Health Service Provision into Telehealth in North America (Qualitative analysis research project), **Toronto Metropolitan University** (2024)

*Optimizing Emergency Department Performance- A Comprehensive Measurement Approach* (report and presentation), **Toronto Metropolitan University** (2024)

*Regulation Defining Models and Standards for the Development of Primary Care in National Health Service- A 2022 Italian Policy Reform* (report and presentation), **Toronto Metropolitan University** (2024)

When Stigma Gets in the Way of Kink (article), **The Trauma and Mental Health Report** (2021)

Living With Cystic Fibrosis (podcast), **The Trauma and Mental Health Report** (2020)

Women's Mental Health on Campus: Spotlight on Women's Mental Health Talks (article), **The Trauma and Mental Health Report** (2020)

Health Repercussions Seen in Gaming Addiction (article), **The Trauma and Mental Health Report** (2020)

Online Mental Health Sharing Brings Benefits and Risks (article), **The Trauma and Mental Health Report** (2020)

### LECTURES AND/OR TEACHING

*“Operations Management- Toronto Counselling Centre for Teens”*. Operations Management class presentation. **Humber College**, Toronto, ON, Canada. Guest speaker. (2024)

*“Quality Management- Toronto Counselling Centre for Teens”*. Quality Management class presentation. **Humber College**, Toronto, ON, Canada. Guest speaker. (2022)

*“Artist Talk.” Willowdale Group of Artists* presentation. Online, Toronto, ON, Canada. Guest speaker. (2020)

*“Artists Discussion”* with co-artist, Ernesto Hidalgo. For the duo exhibition “The State of Not Knowing”. **The Special Projects Gallery**, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Guided tour. (2019)

*“Life Drawing Workshop.” Visual Arts Student Association*. York University, Toronto, ON, Canada. Art workshop. (2018)

### SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Ted Rogers School of Management Graduate Entrance Scholarship, **Toronto Metropolitan University** (2023)

Willowdale Group of Artists Painting Award, **York University**, April 21st, \$1,250 (2020)

Painting Honorarium, **York University**, April 30th, \$125 (2019)

Art History Honorarium, **York University**, May 15th, \$125 (2018)

Carl Dair Memorial Scholarship, **York University**, December 22nd, \$500 (2016)

Talent Entrance Scholarship, **York University**, June 12th, \$1,000 (2015)

### CERTIFICATIONS

Power of Excel- Business Fundamentals: Level 1- **Ted Rogers School of Management- Toronto Metropolitan University**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2024)

Naloxone and Overdose Response- **Toronto Public Health**- Toronto, ON, Canada. (2023)

Mental Health First Aid- **Mental Health Commission of Canada**- Toronto, ON, Canada. (2023)

ASSIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training- **LivingWorks**- Oshawa, ON, Canada. (2022)

Harm Reduction in Substance Use- **Relias**- online. (2022)

Working Together: The Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act- **Ontario Human Rights Commission**- online. (2022)

Human Rights 101- **Ontario Human Rights Commission**- online. (2022)

Advanced Peer Leadership Training- **York University**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

Foundational Peer Leadership Training- **York University**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

SafeTALK Training- **LivingWorks**- Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

## **SKILLS AND TOOLS**

Google Suite, Microsoft Office, JaneApp, NVivo, Ceridian, Plooto, Wordpress, Mailchimp, Canva

## **EXHIBITION WORK**

### **SOLO**

*"Modes of Being"*. Online at **VAAH Artspaces**. (2021)

### **GROUP**

*"VisualEars Rooms: An Immersive Experience"*. Online at **visualearsproject.com**. (2021)

*"Painting Area Show"*. Online at **VAAH Artspaces**. (2021)

*"Coalition"*. **Goldfarb Centre for Fine Arts**, Toronto, ON, Canada (2020)

*"Noise"*. **Gallery 1313**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2020)

*"Wavelengths"*. **Gales Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2020)

*"The State of Not Knowing"* (two person exhibition). **Special Projects Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

*"Painting Area Show"*. **Gales Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

*“Super Mega Ultra”*. **Goldfarb Centre for Fine Arts**, Toronto, ON, Canada (2019)

*“Thrive”*. **Gallery 1313**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2019)

*“VASA Year End Show”*. **Gallery 1313**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2018)

*“Limitless Art Collective Exhibition”*. **Goldfarb Centre for Fine Arts**, Toronto, ON, Canada (2018)

*“Strength in Diversity”*. **Goldfarb Centre for Fine Arts**, Toronto, ON, Canada (2018)

*“Dirty Talk Art Party 006”*. **268 Augusta Ave**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2017)

*“VASA Open Gallery”*. **Eleanor Winter’s Art Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2016)

*“VISA 1010, Art Fundamentals Student Exhibition”*. **Gales Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2015)

*“Ubiquitous”*. **Eleanor Winter’s Art Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. (2015)

#### ONLINE ACTIVITIES

**VAAH Artspace** Online Instagram Takeover. (2021)

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY AND MEDIA

Wagner, Margie. “Deanna Gisborne, WGA’s Scholarship Winner”. **Willowdale Group of Artists** October, 2020: Pg. 5. Newsletter.

El Abbassi, Miriam. “An Artistic Interpretation of Identity” (review). **Excalibur** October 30th, 2019: Pg. 8. Newspaper.

#### CURATORIAL

*“Noise”*. **Gallery 1313**, Toronto, ON, Canada. A large group exhibition. (2020)

*“Ubiquitous”*. **Eleanor Winter’s Art Gallery**, Toronto, ON, Canada. A three-person exhibition. (2016)

#### WRITING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Begin Here- **Firefly Creative Writing** (5 sessions, 2 hours each)- St. Matthew’s Clubhouse, Toronto, ON, Canada (2025)