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Summary of Qualifications

- 7+ years of experience supporting financial operations in different industries such as accounting firm and manufacturing, now transitioning into IT and data analytics with hands-on training in both fields
- Highly motivated driven by a strong passion for technology and continuous learning, actively transitioning from finance into IT and data analytics through hands-on, industry-relevant training
- Strong analytical mindset and attention to detail honed through years of financial auditing, now applied to data collection, monitoring data quality, identifying trends, data analysis, troubleshooting, and problem-solving in IT environments
- Proficient in data analysis and visualization tools including but not limited to SQL, SQL queries, Microsoft Excel, Power BI and Python, IT fundamentals (hardware/software troubleshooting, networking basics, help desk support), and financial analysis and reporting
- Strong verbal communication and time-management skills developed through cross-functional collaboration and reporting to senior management under tight deadlines
- Bilingual French and English

Technical Skills

Operating Systems:	<i>Windows, Android, iOS, Mac OS, Linux</i>
Applications & Tools:	<i>Microsoft Office 365, Microsoft Excel, Power BI, BigQuery, Tableau</i>
IT & Networking Tools:	<i>VMware, Google Workspace, Packet Tracer, OpenLDAP, DNS, TCP/IP</i>
AI Fundamentals:	<i>Prompt Engineering, Responsible AI Practices, Ethical AI Usage, AI Powered Task Automation.</i>
Project Management Fundamentals:	<i>Agile, Waterfall, Scrum, Kanban, Trello</i>
Languages:	<i>SQL, Python, DAX, VBA</i>

Education & Certifications

Junior IT Analyst Program NPower Canada Online	Aug 2026 – Nov 2026
Google AI Essentials	Nov 2026
Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate Coursera Online	Oct 2026
<i>9-course professional certificate program covering the complete data analysis lifecycle, from data cleaning to visualization and stakeholder communication.</i>	
• Implemented the data analysis process (ask, prepare, process, analyze, share, act) to clean, organize, and structure raw datasets using spreadsheets and SQL • Extracted and analyzed data using SQL in BigQuery (Google Cloud), writing filters, joins, and aggregate functions to surface actionable insights from large datasets as part of the ETL workflow • Created interactive dashboards and visualizations in Tableau and Power BI to communicate data-driven findings to non-technical stakeholders	

- Validated and improved data quality in Excel and Python, running quality checks to identify and resolve inconsistencies, duplicates, and missing values
- Evaluated trends, patterns, and correlations through exploratory data analysis, identifying trends and interpreting results into clear business recommendations
- Tracked and monitored KPIs and key metrics across a capstone case study, applying the full analytics workflow to solve a real-world business problem, from defining the objective to presenting final insights

Bridging the Gap for Accountants

Dec 2025 - Feb 2026

Canadian Immigrant Women's Association (CIWA) | Calgary, Canada

Bachelor's degree in accounting and finance

Jun 2018

PIGIER | Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Work Experience

Senior Budget Analyst

Apr 2025 – Sep 2025

Ivorian Company for Textile Development (CIDT) | Bouaké, Ivory Coast

- Managed an annual budget of approximately CAD \$71 million and implemented cost-control measures that reduced operating expenses by 5%
- Analyzed budget performance and variance trends using Excel, delivering insights that guided strategic decision-making and improved overall financial performance
- Monitored and maintained accurate, timely budget reporting for senior management, ensuring alignment with organizational financial targets
- Validated journal entries and postings to ensure accuracy and compliance with budget allocations
- Implemented Excel lookup functions (VLOOKUP, HLOOKUP, XLOOKUP, INDEX/MATCH) to streamline data analysis, reducing processing time by 25%

Senior Financial Controller

Nov 2022 – Mar 2025

Ivorian Company for Textile Development (CIDT) | Bouaké, Ivory Coast

- Delivered detailed financial analyses using Excel that guided strategic decisions and improved overall profitability
- Prepared and maintained the company's financial reporting using Excel and Word, ensuring accuracy and timely delivery to management
- Calculated finished goods production costs using SAP to support accurate pricing and profitability analysis
- Controlled and verified journal entries and postings recorded in SAP by accounting staff to ensure accurate analytical coding and cost allocation
- Supervised and mentored junior financial controller

Auditor

Sept 2020 - Oct 2022

Ivorian Company for Textile Development (CIDT) | Bouaké, Ivory Coast

- Identified and resolved inefficiencies during detail-oriented internal control reviews, leading to cost savings exceeding CAD 670,000
- Strengthened risk management procedures and contributed to improving the company's financial transparency and operational performance
- Ensured compliance with internal policies, tax regulations, and audit requirements through rigorous documentation practices