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I am looking to bring the technical skills and practical experience that I have gained in the field of aircraft maintenance to a challenging new career. I have carried out and supervised complex tasks throughout Canada and on international operations from Africa to South America and New Zealand. I have advanced training in areas such as vibration analysis, leadership theory and project management. I am seeking fast-paced employment to further refine my leadership capabilities as a member of a well-balanced team.

Skills

- Mechanical Aptitude
- Problem Solving
- Flexibility
- Efficiency
- Communication
- Effective Under Pressure

Experience

JUNE 2023 - CURRENT

Deputy Aircraft Maintenance Officer / RCAF, Comox, BC

- Manage 80-person maintenance organization to support CC130 Hercules and CC295 Kingfisher fleets.
- Liaise with operations leadership to allocate assets to support 24-hour search and rescue operations.
- Coordinate CC295 operational testing requirements with contractor field support elements.
- Provide guidance to in-house program support elements using experience gained from my last role in technical program management.

JULY 2019 – JUNE 2023

Technical Program Analyst / Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel), Gatineau, QC

- Resolved complex technical problems by liaising with engineering support agencies.
- Mitigated risk via real-time hazard analyses which preserved acceptable safety levels with minimal impact to performance.
- Project control officer, enabled flight testing programs, contract negotiations and the drafting of technical specifications in concert with public works and other government agencies.
- Identified gaps in existing In-Service Support contracts, developed technical requirements and presented findings to prime engineering contractor in support of additional work request development.

APRIL 2018 – JULY 2019

Deputy Employment & Training Officer / RCAF, Victoria, BC

- Balanced employee development with organizational needs by analyzing staffing requirements, selecting personnel for training and deployment opportunities, and building each section of the unit.
- Communicated with national personnel management office to identify members for advanced employment opportunities and transfers between geographic regions.
- Managed all human resource concerns through direct line of communication to executive leadership team.
- Coordinated training of approximately 180 technical personnel to new aircraft type while maintaining 100% of unit maintenance capability.

JULY 1999 – APRIL 2018

Technical Supervisor & Aircraft Technician / RCAF, Various Locations

- Supervised aircraft technicians in the conduct of maintenance activities, both domestically and internationally. Achieved 100% mission success rate during relief efforts following Hurricane Igor in Newfoundland and the 2016 earthquake in Kaikoura, New Zealand.
- Exercised legal authority as Weapon System Releaser, confirmed all maintenance conducted as correct, provided pre-flight audits of all aircraft records, certified aircraft for daily flight operations.
- Carried out complex maintenance tasks on fixed wing and helicopter assets: engine changes, flight control replacement/rigging, electrical troubleshooting, hydraulic system repair.
- Trained and supervised apprentice technicians in all areas of aircraft maintenance.

Education

ONGOING

Business: Accounting / Algonquin College

In 3rd semester of 2-year program, target completion window – end 2024. Maintaining 'A' average.

FEBRUARY 2023

Advanced Leadership Program / Osside Institute

Canadian Armed Forces leadership program via St. Jean-sur-Richelieu.

OCTOBER 2021

Defence & Security Certificate / Algonquin College

1-year, General Arts and Science diploma.

MAY 2020

Full-Time French Language Program / Gatineau, QC

10-month program, earned advanced federal profile in Comprehension and Grammar.