



# AYLA SHAKIR

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## Summary

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Compassionate and dedicated student with a diverse background in psychology, behavioral therapy, marketing, and business. Experienced in supporting individuals with autism, survivors of domestic violence, and childcare through empathy, confidentiality, and trauma-informed care. Proven ability to foster meaningful relationships with clients, colleagues, and communities, consistently driving positive outcomes. Demonstrated success in collaborating with teams, organizing impactful events, and advocating for social change. Committed to leveraging my education and experience to create inclusive environments that promote growth, resilience, and empowerment.

## Skills

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- Active Learning
- Developmental Activities
- Group and Behavior Management
- Marketing and Content Creation
- Qualitative Research
- Photography and Editing
- Crisis Intervention and Support
- Resource Coordination

## Experience

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SANE Hospital Program

**Research Assistant**

09/2024 - Current

- Edited detailed interview transcripts, ensuring accuracy and confidentiality for trauma-informed care clients
- Engaged in weekly collaborative meetings with colleagues and graduate students.
- Engaged in discussions with teammates to interpret and examine weekly academic texts.

Bases Autism Services

**Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)**

07/2023 - 04/2024

- Delivered individualized therapy to children with autism, following behavior plans
- Built trust with clients and families, supporting developmental goals
- Completed a 40-hour behavior analysis certification

RoboSousChef

**Marketing and Operations Associate**

05/2024 - 08/2024

- Created marketing materials (catalogs, flyers) to promote a robotic cooking machine
- Painted murals to enhance office spaces and reflect company branding
- Represented the company at trade shows in New York and Chicago, expanding visibility and networking

First Drive

**Sales Associate**

04/2020 - 08/2021

- Sold innovative toy cars, consistently meeting and exceeding sales goals
- Produced promotional videos to boost the company's online presence
- Provided excellent customer service, helping families find the perfect product

Lake Central High School

**Teacher's Assistant**

08/2021 - 05/2022

- Graded assignments and exams with efficiency and accuracy
- Provided one-on-one tutoring, helping students deepen their academic understanding
- Fostered strong relationships with students and faculty, promoting an

inclusive environment

Self-employed | Chicago, IL  
**Private Mathematics Tutor**  
08/2019 - 05/2023

- Built strong, trusting relationships with students and adapted teaching methods to meet individual needs and learning styles.
- Provided extra tutoring sessions outside of regular hours to support struggling students and boost their confidence in math.
- Participated in professional training focused on best practices for working with survivors of domestic violence, enhancing communication and empathy.

Not So Basic Photography  
**Photographer**  
09/2020 - Current

- Created a photography business, focusing on capturing memorable moments at events like graduations and festive celebrations.
- I built a professional portfolio and attracted clients online
- Delivered high-quality, edited images on time, maintaining strong client relationships

Private Clients  
**Babysitter**  
07/2024 - Current

- Provided safe and reliable childcare, including transportation and daily routines
- Adapted to each child's needs, ensuring emotional and physical well-being

## Education and Training

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University of Illinois at Chicago | Chicago, IL  
**Bachelor of Arts** in Applied Psychology, Business Administration  
Expected in 05/2026

- Minor in Business Administration
- Expected Graduation: Spring 2026

## Certifications

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- Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Certification
- Domestic Violence Advocate Certification (40-Hour Training)
- First Aid and CPR Certification

## Volunteer Experience

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- Domestic Violence Advocate, Connections for Abused Women and Children, 05/01/23, Present, Completed 40-hour Domestic Violence Advocacy training, gaining in-depth knowledge of trauma-informed care, crisis intervention, and supportive services., Provided private, confidential emotional support to individuals experiencing domestic violence, offering a safe space to discuss experiences and options., Assisted clients with resource referrals, helping them access emergency shelters, legal aid, and counseling services., Advocated for survivors by listening to their needs and connecting them to appropriate support networks, all while maintaining confidentiality and safety.
- Hygiene Kit Volunteer, Community Outreach Initiative, 12/01/15, Present, Organized fundraising efforts to gather products for hygiene kits., Assembled and distributed kits at soup kitchens and shelters, especially in winter months., Promoted community engagement by encouraging local support.

## Leadership Experience

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Fundraising Chair, Social Chair, Vice President, Delta Phi Omega Sorority, 08/01/23, 08/31/24, Led fundraising campaigns that exceeded financial goals through event planning., Coordinated social events to strengthen bonds among members., Managed chapter operations, including member engagement and leadership transitions.