

CEDRIC OBIAKA

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Qualification Summary

Accomplished and analytical professional with substantial track record of success and experience in taxation to include; tax return preparation and filing, building client relationships, evaluating risks, and ensuring regulatory compliance, reviewing account reconciliations for accuracy and completeness, submitting and processing journal entries, working with others to forecast expected savings and expenses, create, post, and confirm accruals and prepaids, maintain records of vendor relations and statuses, monitor billable hours between clients, comply with Federal, State, and Local legal requirements by maintaining compliance documentation for each client.

Proven track record of providing specific innovations and insight to critical aspects of tax, devising tax mitigating solutions, recovery, and enforcement strategies, and executing analytics that improves functionality of business. Skilled in tax assessment, preparation, filing, and submission of both standard and non-standard tax returns. Demonstrated ability to identify and analyze potential risks, develop tools and methodologies for risk management, contribute to key regulatory initiatives, and report on risk exposures and metrics to enable informed decision-making.

Education & Credentials

MTAX | The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA (01/2024 – 04/2028)

BSBA Finance | University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE (09/2015 – 12/2017)

AAS Culinary Arts & Management | Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, NE (05/2010 – 05/2012)

Other Licenses/Education

Mortgage Loan Originator - Licensed in Nebraska (11/2022 – Present)

NE Life & Health, Annuity, Property & Casualty, & Accident Insurance (07/2017 – Present)

Professional Experience

Tax Analyst | Northern Natural Gas, Omaha, NE (40 hours/week)

2023 – Present

Demonstrate experience as a multi-state tax professional, sharing knowledge on how to conduct tax research to help determine nexus and interpret tax information at the various Federal, State, and local government levels to help relieve tax liability for the various state, county, and local tax jurisdictions along with showing a proven ability to lead to enhance performance company wide, to include protecting both customer and company interests by adhering to compliance with set corporate and industry protocols.

- Identifies potential tax issues, opportunities for tax savings, and ways to make assigned tax compliance more efficient.
- Prepares state compliant monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, and annual sales and use tax returns and ensures the returns and associated tax payments are made on a timely basis while reviewing tax accruals for appropriateness.
- Answers technical questions about the application of sales and use taxes to specific transactions or invoices. Makes changes to sales and use tax rates in proprietary software.
- Supports FERC regulatory reporting and rate case filings regarding sales/use and property tax. Prepares FORM2 schedules related to taxes.
- Prepares responses related to audits by Federal and State tax authorities. Prepares the initial company response with the assistance of the manager.

Lead Tax Preparation Specialist | Jackson Hewitt Tax Services, Omaha, NE (40 hours/week)

2018 – 2023

Provide exceptional leadership, coaching, guidance, and support to teammates with the tax assessment, preparation, filing, and submission of accurate tax returns to the IRS on behalf of multiple clients.

- Applied highly collaborative approach and excellent communication skills in interacting and engaging with management to determine correct course of action for preparation of individual, small business, corporate, and partnership tax returns for over 138 taxpayers.
- Functioned as trusted tax advisor focused to protect both customer and company interests by adhering to compliance with set corporate and industry protocols.

Fiscal Compliance Analyst | Nebraska Department of Revenue, Lincoln, NE (40 hours/week)**2022 – 2023**

Perform a full range of financial analyses pertaining to the collection of concurrent State Sales and Use Taxes while developing independent work sequences within established procedures, methods, policies, and any other levy authorized by legislature.

- Determine how much is owed in taxes and collect tax from individuals and businesses on behalf of the State and Local Government.
- Compute tax credit and company incentives for businesses registered to do business in Nebraska.
- Review tax returns, conduct audits, identify taxes to be remitted back to the taxpayer due to an overcharge or double payment, and collect overdue tax payments.

Analyst 1, Underwriting | First National Bank of Omaha, Omaha, NE (40 hours/week)**2021 – 2022**

Utilized critical thinking in conducting due diligence on each credit request by the applicant to identify potential red flags or fraudulent activity. Proactive in providing updates and on-time responses to both internal and external customers.

- Evaluated borrowers' annual and monthly income, liabilities, assets owned, and market value of potential collateral by analyzing financial statements and tax returns of self-employed individuals, corporations, and partnerships to authenticate credit requests.
- Ensured compliance and met program guidelines for acceptable risk while issuing loan decisions through written commitment detailing required documentation for each credit request.
- Continued to enhance basic knowledge of ancillary products (Letters of Credit, ACH, RDC, etc.), collateral types, advance rates, and determining value.
- Attained and maintained familiarity with Credit Policy, RBL guidelines, and RBL SOP while completing risk-based limited annual reviews and SBA ARs under \$250,000.
- Exhibited proficiency with the use of common forms, including, Risk Rating Matrix, Unsecured Lending Guidance templates, Real Estate Analysis templates, covenant tests, and problem loan memos.

Sales & Loan Consultant | Gorges Volvo Cars of Omaha, Omaha, NE (80 hours/week)**2019 – 2021**

Created, analyzed, and processed complete sales orders in compliance with dealership policies.

- Served as resource factor for applicants pursuing to secure credit for auto-loan by defining and educating on market value, equity, depreciation, loan-to-value, and impact of credit factors.
- Exhibited exceptional learning acumen in attaining and maintaining up-to-date knowledge on both existing and new products and services offered within automotive sales.

Sales Associate | Jet Mobile/Sprint, Omaha, NE (40 hours/week)**2017 – 2018**

Exhibited complex problem-solving, value judgment, and excellent time management in evaluating, addressing, and resolving customer concerns utilizing deep updated knowledge about products, services, promotions, and policies.

- Took full ownership of researching account balances, stopping payments, and executing account adjustments in response to customer inquiries.
- Actively coordinated with organizing and processing data for graphing and editing of monthly in-store survey reports covering detailed retail shelf pricing, placement data, and trend analysis.
- Contributed to streamlining workflow by recommending procedural changes.

Agent | Farm Bureau Financial Services, Omaha, NE (60 hours/week)**2017–2018**

Offered high-quality investment advice to clients by identifying and recommending viable investment opportunities as well as

solutions utilizing internal sources.

- Directed full scope of client relationship through assessment of client financial needs and recommendation of investment opportunities, current holdings, and available investment capital.
- Actively engaged with clients and delivered prompt, accurate explanations of benefits, and friendly customer service about eligibility, policy changes, claim submissions, and billing clarifications.
- Built and maintained trusted business relationships with clients and maximized customer satisfaction through consistent follow-up and superior customer service delivery.

Member Services Advocate | AAA Life Insurance Co., Omaha, NE (40 hours/week)

2014 – 2015

Planned and promoted manifold benefits of AAA Life Insurance membership products, including but not limited to insurance, travel perks, banking, and emergency roadside assistance services.

- Produced high level of customer service to members adopting basic principles and methods for demonstrating, promoting, and selling diverse range of products or services aligned with customer financial needs and priorities.
- Offered customized insurance services to members focused on brand promise to “expect something more.”

Career Note/Additional Experience

Mutual Fund Account Manager at Northstar Financial Services, Omaha, NE | **Sales & Loan Consultant** at Performance Ford, Omaha, NE | **Cook** at Fox & Hound Bar & Grill, Omaha, NE | **Cook** at Cracker Barrel, Omaha, NE | **Cook** at Ameristar Casino, Omaha, NE | **Cook** at Sullivan’s Steakhouse, Omaha, NE | **Sales Consultant** at Redsky Mobile/AT&T, Omaha, NE | **Sales & Loan Consultant** at Rusty Eck Ford, Omaha, NE | **Sergeant** at United States Army, New York, NY