Maria Kestane

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Profile

Curious and professional storyteller with a passion for truth-telling, connecting, curating. Seeking to apply my experience and dedication to a team environment in order to support and create for the company and its fellow stakeholders.

Experience

Co-Host & Lead Producer – Frequency Podcast Network, Toronto, ONT.

October 2024 – Present

- Pitch national and regional stories for our daily news podcast
- Chase, book, pre-interview and interview guests via Riverside
- Produce scripts for 18-25 minute conversations
- Edit, sound design on a daily deadline
- Support technical and editorial production for other shows across the network
- Manage RSS feed through Simplecast
- Integrate sponsored content while maintaining editorial integrity
- Coordinate with other FPN shows to create cross-promotional opportunities
- Delegate tasks to associate producers, audio+visual production staff
- Produce 30-60 seconds social media content

Anchor & Reporter – 680 NewsRadio Toronto, Toronto, ONT.

June 2023 – September 2025

- Produce and anchor 30-minute, live newscasts for a 24-hour broadcast newswheel
- Develop and pitch local story ideas
- Write, cut clips, chase interviews

Associate Producer (Intern) – CBC News Network, Toronto, ONT.

April 2023 – May 2023

- Pitch and produce national news stories for Canada Tonight with Dwight Drummond
- Chase, pre-interview and book guests for 5 minute, live TV broadcast interviews
- Cut and edit b-roll

Communications Specialist - Faculty of Health Science & Wellness Humber College, Etobicoke, ONT.

September 2022 – April 2023

- Produce and edit stories for the faculty's website and social sites
- Attend and report on events across campus
- Interview faculty, students
- Capture and edit pictures for faculty's website

Education

Humber College – Etobicoke, ONT.

Post-Graduate Certificate in Journalism of Arts

Toronto Metropolitan University – Toronto, ONT.

Bachelor of Arts (Honors), Major in Criminology, Minor in Spanish

Additional Experience

Technical Skills: Adobe Audition, Adobe Photoshop, Burli, iNews, all Microsoft 365 applications, Canva, Instagram Edits