

Nefise Akcakir

Creative

I'm a multidisciplinary designer and filmmaker based in Waterloo, leading UI/UX design at Qamar Agency and growth at Socratica. My work blends design, storytelling, and community — from building digital experiences for local businesses to creating films like *In Practice* and *Autopilot* that explore creativity and craft.

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EDUCATION

BSc. (Hons) in Kinesiology Co-op University of Waterloo

09/2021 - 06/2026

Waterloo, ON

PERSONAL PROJECTS

In Practice | Documentary Series (05/2025)

- Created and directed *In Practice*, a short documentary series exploring how people turn curiosity into craft — focusing on the process, not just the outcome.
- Produced the first episode featuring a scientific illustrator, capturing their creative process and the intersection of art and science.
- Aimed to build a platform that highlights creative practice in everyday work — bridging documentary storytelling with community inspiration.

Autopilot | Short Film (09/2024)

- Directed and produced "Autopilot,"** a short film exploring routine, burnout, and rediscovering creativity; screened at Princess Cinema during the Socratica Film Fest.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Lead UI/UX Designer Qamar Agency

01/2023 - 01/2024

Vestibular, Physical, and Balance Therapy Clinic

Waterloo, ON

Achievements/Tasks

- Lead high-fidelity website and app design projects for early-stage startups and small businesses, translating client goals into clean, conversion-focused interfaces.
- Research competitor brands and industry standards to guide design decisions and propose creative directions tailored to each client's needs.
- Collaborate with clients to define their brand direction, target audience, and website flow — from intake forms and wireframes to polished Figma prototypes.

Host Socratica

09/2024 - Present

Waterloo, ON

Achievements/Tasks

- Host co-working sessions where students and creatives work on passion projects — fostering accountability, idea-sharing, and a culture of creative making.
- Lead the growth and marketing team, building a foundation for Socratica's social media direction and online presence.
- Build relationships with local organizations and businesses to support creative collaboration, cross-promotion, and event partnerships.

Campus Chairperson Global Brigades

09/2023 - Present

Nonprofit Health and Sustainable Development Organization

Waterloo, ON

Achievements/Tasks

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive management style and operational system for the club's activities and initiatives.
- Oversee all GB Chapters (Public Health, Medical, Dental, and Business), operations, and activities at the University of Waterloo.
- Support and mentor Chapter Leaders on campus by facilitating collaboration between Chapters on campus, resolving conflicts, and fostering leadership among the student leaders of each Chapter.

SKILLS

Figma

Framer

Creative Thinking

DaVinci Resolve

Community Engagement

High-fidelity prototyping

Storyboarding & visual direction

Microsoft Office

Leadership

ORGANIZATIONS

Socratica (09/2024 - Present)

Host

Centre for Community, Clinical and Applied Research Excellence (09/2022 - 12/2024)

Rehabilitation Aide

UW Public Health Brigades Club (07/2022 - 05/2024)

Chapter President

UW Photography Club (01/2024 - Present)

Events Organizer

UW Anatomy Lab (01/2024 - 04/2024)

Teaching Assistant

UW Warriors Orientation (04/2022 - 09/2022)

Events Coordinator

STEM Camp (06/2019 - 07/2019)

Camp Counselor

CERTIFICATES

AHA BLS CPR-C & AED (01/2025 - 01/2027)

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) (01/2022 - Present)

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) (05/2022 - Present)

LANGUAGES

English

Full Professional Proficiency

Turkish

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