

Sean Courtney

Product / UX / UI Designer

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Summary

Product / UX / UI designer in Vancouver. I take work from user research and information architecture through visual design, prototyping, and front-end, on iOS, tvOS, and the web. Accessibility and WCAG 2.2 AA are part of the craft, not a late pass. Six years as a kitchen manager taught me how dense systems have to stay calm when the pressure is real.

Experience

Independent Product Designer (UX / UI)

2021 - Present

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tvPlayer - Product design, visual design, development / Apple TV (tvOS)

- Designing and building a native Plex client for Apple TV: 10-foot UI, remote focus, playback, and browse, aimed at a tvOS 27 launch.
- Rebuilt Home from floating cards to a sidebar and poster grid so a living-room UI can be scanned with a remote.

FirstPickup - Lead product design and branding / iOS

- Led product, brand, and UI for a two-sided marketplace that matches Facebook Marketplace pickups with drivers already on that corridor.
- Parked escrow as the first conversation. Designed matching around route overlap, timing, and trust so a first trip could happen before the money box existed.

Seedly - Lead product design, hardware, and branding / iOS and Android

- Owned the kit (shelf and lighting), brand, and app for indoor growing aimed at Metro Vancouver renters, not suburban families.
- Dropped subscription lock-in and a sensor dashboard. Rebuilt the app around guided care, reminders, and a quiet Home.

myStop - UX research and visual design / iOS / BrainStation UX final, 2021

- Solo user research, usability testing, and visual design with TransLink riders who wanted the next bus, not more chrome.
- Put live arrivals and saved routes on Home. After testing, replaced colour chips with named bus and SkyTrain pills so a transfer-heavy trip reads in one line.

Prep / Line Cook

March 2022 - July 2025

Nook Kits / Vancouver, BC

- Pasta, pizza, and antipasto on \$20,000+ service days. Invented, prepped, and ran a new feature dish every day.

Kitchen Manager

March 2014 - December 2019

Noodlebox / Vancouver, BC

- Led kitchen operations, weekly ordering, and the written systems (recipes, prep lists, order guides) that kept quality consistent. Trained staff through senior and managerial roles.

Senior Grill Cook / Night Coach

January 2012 - January 2014

Earls Yaletown / Vancouver, BC

- Mastered every station, trained the line, and led the busiest services of the week.

Education

User Experience Design Certificate

January 2026 - August 2026

Emily Carr University of Art + Design / Vancouver, BC

Full-time intensive: user research, product design strategy, prototyping, user interface design, responsive design, interaction and motion, and data-driven design.

UX Design Certificate (UXDC) and UI Design Certificate (UIDC)

2021

BrainStation / Vancouver, BC

User experience design (September 2021) and user interface design (October 2021).

Skills

Design:	user experience (UX), user interface (UI), product design, user research, usability testing, information architecture, user flows, wireframing, prototyping, visual design, interaction design, design systems, design tokens, accessibility, WCAG 2.2 AA, inclusive design, branding, responsive design, mobile design, 10-foot UI
Tools:	Figma, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, GitHub, Cursor, Xcode
Development:	HTML, CSS, JavaScript, SwiftUI, iOS, tvOS