

Curriculum Vitae
Brandon T. Vaughn
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EDUCATION

B.S., Graphic Arts & Imaging Technology, Appalachian State University - Boone, NC

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Sep 2016 - Present	Business Mentor, Teaching Tactics, Techniques and Tools (Donathon Layell)
Jan 2016 - Present	Defensive Tactics Instructor, Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, NC
Jan 2016 - Present	Business Mentor, Operating a Martial Arts School (Jacob Henley)
Jan - Apr 2016	Instructor, Personal Protection Course, Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, NC
Nov 16 - 20, 2015	Assistant Instructor, Gracie Survival Tactics - Level 1 Instructor Certification Course, Pleasanton CA
Aug 2015 - Dec 2015	Business Mentor, Operating a Martial Arts School; Teaching Tactics, Techniques and Tools (John Reavis)
Apr 2013	Instructor, Personal Protection Seminar, Davie County EMS, Mockville, NC
Jul 2013	Instructor, Personal Protection Seminar, Yadkin County EMS, Yadkinville, NC
Jul 2012 - Present	Business Mentor, Operating a Martial Arts School (Scott & Michelle Gilbert)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan 2016 - Present	Head Instructor, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Advance, Advance, NC (Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy Certified Training Center)
Jan 2012 - Dec 2015	Vice President, American Martial Artists Association, Pfafftown, NC
Oct 2005 - Dec 2015	Owner & Master Instructor, Karate International of Jonesville, LLC Jonesville, NC

ARTICLES & PUBLICATION

- Gracie Insider "[Gracie Survival Tactics: The Inside Scoop](#)", Jan 22, 2016
- The Combative Corner "[Bullying, Martial Arts and Finding a Solution](#)", Aug 6, 2013
- The Combative Corner "[Martial Arts SuperShow](#)", Aug 23, 2011
- The Combative Corner "[Action and Reaction in the Martial Arts & Self-Defense](#)", Sep 23, 2010

HONORS & AWARDS

- Certificate of Appreciation, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy, Nov 2015
- Honorary Member, Emergency Services Unit: SRT (Special Response Team), Nov 2015
- Instructor of the Year, American Martial Artists Association, Dec 2011
- Masters Council Member, Karate International, Dec 2009 - Present

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- The Combative Corner "[10 Questions with Brandon Vaughn](#)", Interview, Oct 2015
- Elkin Tribune "[Living passion: Karate Instructor Targets Anti-Bullying, Aims for Confidence](#)", Interview, Mar 2015
- 3WC Radio On-Air Interview, Mar 2015
- WXII - 12 News "[Kimberly Van Scoy takes on Karate](#)", On-Camera Instructor, Aug 2008

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER

Jun 2016	World Cultural Fair, West Yadkin Elementary, Yadkinville, NC
Oct 2015	Red Ribbon Week, C.B. Eller Elementary, Dobson, NC
Oct 2015	Red Ribbon Week, Elkin Elementary, Elkin, NC
May 2015	Drug Awareness & Prevention, Elkin Elementary, Elkin, NC
Nov 2014	Bullying Awareness & Prevention, Elkin Elementary, Elkin, NC
Oct 2014	Red Ribbon Week, Yadkin Success Academy, Yadkinville, NC
Oct 2014	Red Ribbon Week, East Wilkes Middle School, Ronda, NC
Oct 2014	Red Ribbon Week, Central Middle School, Dobson, NC
May 2014	Drug Awareness & Prevention, West Yadkin Elementary, Yadkinville, NC
Feb 2014	Career Day, East Wilkes Middle School, Ronda, NC
Oct 2013	Red Ribbon Week, East Wilkes High school, Ronda, NC
Oct 2013	Red Ribbon Week, Jonesville Elementary, Ronda, NC

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certifications

- Nanadan, 7th Dan Black Belt, American Martial Artists Association, May 2014
- Shihan (Sr. Master Instructor), American Martial Artists Association, Dec 2013
- Certified Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Instructor, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy, Jul 2013
- Rokudan, 6th Dan Black Belt (Master Instructor), American Martial Artists Association, Dec 2012
- Certificate of Completion, Martial Arts Industry Association Instructor College, Jul 2011

- Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Blue Belt, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy, May 2010

Conferences

- Annual Martial Arts Super Show, Las Vegas, NV, Jul, 2011 - 2012

Workshops

- “Knife Defense”, Greensboro Academy of Martial Arts, Greensboro, NC, Sep 2016
- “Perfecting Striking Techniques”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2012
- “Fundamentals of Boxing”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2012
- “Competition Grappling”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2012
- “Grappling Seminar”, Section 8 Mixed Martial Arts, Lexington, NC, Jun 2012
- “Ninja Vanishing Defense”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2011
- “Contemporary Jeet Kune Do”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2011
- “Stretching & Flexibility”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2011
- “Standing Submissions”, Martial Arts Supershow, Las Vegas, NV, Jul 2011
- “Gracie Jiu-Jitsu: Mount Focus”, Clemmons Family Martial Arts, Clemmons, NC, Jun 2011
- “Gracie Master Cycle”, Norfolk Karate Academy, Norfolk, VA, Apr 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE & NON-PROFIT

Aug 2015	4-Week Summer Karate Program, Elkin Public Library, Elkin, NC
Jul 2015	4-Week Summer Karate Program, Main Street Learning Place, Elkin, NC
Jul 2015	4-Week Summer Karate Program, Elkin Recreation Center, Elkin, NC
Dec 2014	Senior Project Advisor, Elkin High School, Elkin, NC (Karla Fuentes)
Oct 2014	Health Fair Volunteer, Rockford Elementary, Dobson, NC
Sep 2013	Guest P.E. Teacher for a Day, C.B. Eller Elementary, Dobson, NC
Sep 2013	Field Day Volunteer, Traphill Elementary, Dobson, NC
Mar 2013	Personal Safety Seminar, Statesville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Statesville, NC
Jan 2013	Guest P.E. Teacher for a Day, Roaring River Elementary, Roaring River, NC



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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Brandon Vaughn. I highly recommend Mr. Vaughn to your organization in the capacity of Personal Protection/Defensive Tactics Instructor.

Although our Paramedics and EMS personnel normally have the assistance of law enforcement officers when responding to calls that could be potentially dangerous, there are instances when a possible threat doesn't become apparent until after EMS has arrived. The techniques taught by Mr. Vaughn have brought Emergency Services peace of mind about our Paramedics' safety and increased their capabilities in the event that they walk into a hostile environment or encounter an overly aggressive individual or family member, or even in this date and time a gang or gang members when responding to a call. Their training has allowed them to keep themselves and others safe without causing any unnecessary harm to the patients they are there to help.

We were very satisfied with Mr. Vaughn's professional attitude and his strong sense of dedication to his job. I have found him to be willing to go the extra mile when working with us and to have a firm grasp of the needs of organizations such as ours. All training received was professionally taught and meticulously executed. Mr. Vaughn's methodology makes comprehension to all levels of ability virtually effortless. His attention to detail was outstanding and critical in making the training a success. He has not only shown professionalism in the field of training, but has additionally proven himself to be more than competent in the field of self-defense. I do not hesitate in requesting his assistance or in recommending him to anyone who might need his professional assistance in personal protection and defensive training.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ashburn
Training Coordinator
Davie County EMS
Mocksville, NC 27028



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Elkin, NC 28621

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter recommending Brandon Vaughn. If you are in need of a Defensive Tactics Instructor, I would highly recommend you consult with Brandon.

Brandon developed a targeted training program for my hospital security team, starting with fundamental skills and then building on those to develop a more comprehensive training approach. Through continuing education under Brandon's expertise and tutelage, the hospital security force now has an enhanced response capability that was previously unavailable. The training that Brandon provides not only increases the safety of the security staff, it significantly enhances the safety of all patients, visitors, and staff members.

Brandon also provided a six-session self defense training seminar for hospital staff members. For this group Brandon built a training program that fit the allotted training time while providing training with focus and impact. The training received many accolades from the staff members who attended. The staff felt more capable to handle an adverse situation based on an increase in their competence and confidence.

We are very satisfied with all the services Brandon has provided and look forward to continuing training for both the security team and the staff. Brandon is dedicated to providing the best training possible and has always demonstrated a very high level of professionalism. At any time, I know I can contact Brandon and tell him how I envision my end-goal and he can draw from his expertise to design a training plan that will help us reach that goal. I would not hesitate to recommend Brandon to anyone seeking professional training that is focused and makes a positive impact on mission capabilities.

Craig Golden
Security Supervisor
Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital
Elkin, NC 28621