5-SESSION
CO-OP CALLOUT

OFFICE OF
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PRACTICE
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Welcome

Overview: Office of Professional Practice
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5-Session Cooperative Education Program Overview
Co-Op Placement Process
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Ensuring Success: Tips and Tricks for Co-Op Placement
Upcoming Events
Professional Practice Ambassadors (PPA)
Faculty Co-Op Coordinators & Assistants
Breakout Sessions

Purdue University
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

OFFERINGS

• Founded in 1954 to facilitate experiential education and serve as a bridge between academic community and industry.

• Program Offerings
  • Co-Op Program
  • Global Engineering Alliance for Research and Education (GEARE)
  • Internships

• Location
  • Potter Engineering Center, Room 114

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
ADDITIONAL CALLOUTS

3-SESSION, GEARE
• Callout for 3-Session Co-Op for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Year Students
  • Tomorrow, 1/14/2016, 7:00 PM EE 129

• Students need to at least be in their 4\textsuperscript{th} semester with a GPA of 2.6+ to participate
  • College of Agriculture (Food Science and Forestry & Natural Res.)
  • College of Engineering
  • College of Health and Human Sciences (Nursing and Psych)
  • College of Liberal Arts (History, Industrial Des., and Interior Des.)
  • Krannert School of Management
  • College of Pharmacy
  • Purdue Polytechnic Institute
  • College of Science

• Highly recommended for international students due to CPT implications.
• GEARE Callout
  • Thursday, 1/21/2016 (NEXT THURSDAY), 6:00 PM FRNY G140

• College of Engineering ONLY

• Foreign language, domestic internship, international internship, Study Abroad, Global Design Team Project
  • Enroll during 1st or 2nd year
  • Minimum GPA of 3.0
5-SESSION CO-OP PROGRAM OVERVIEW
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

• 1st year students with a GPA 2.8+ are eligible

• Need to complete all 1st year coursework and declare a discipline for purposes of Co-Op application.

• 1st work session will be either summer or fall semester.

• Alternating academic and work session every semester afterwards. (5 work sessions total = 18 months)
5-SESSION CO-OP

PROGRAM OVERVIEW – FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Students graduate in five years, but pay only four years of tuition!
  - Pay only program fee of $400 during Co-Op sessions.

- Financial aid (FAFSA, University merit scholarships, etc.) will **USUALLY** be applied to semesters of on-campus academic study.
  - Co-Op wages do not count towards Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).

- Students are handsomely compensated by their employers, at a rate commensurate with experience.
  - Average monthly salary = $3,300

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3-SESSION CO-OP

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 2nd year students with a 2.6+ GPA are eligible.

- Best option for international students due to CPT regulations.
  - 5-Session program results in use of OPT, thus reducing time for use after graduation.

- NEW for Maymester 2016 (First 6 week module):
  - ME 297: Fundamental Skills for Working in the U.S.
  - Open to all engineering students, but targeted for international enrollees.
  - Learn critical skills and gain awareness of Professional Practice opportunities while preparing for successful enrollment in 3-Session Co-Op!
CO-OP PLACEMENT PROCESS

IMPORTANT DATES, APPLICATION PROCEDURES
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| January 14-27: | Meeting with Departmental Coordinator  
|              | Resume Preparation  
|              | Sign-Up for Interviews  
|              | **APPLICATION DEADLINE**                                |
| January 20:  | Post Callout Info Session                              |
| January 25:  | Resume Table                                           |
| February 6:  | Interview Schedule available                          |
| February 8:  | Interview Workshop                                    |
| February 9 & 10: | Open Sign-Up  
|              | (Need Coordinator Referral)                           |
CO-OP PLACEMENT PROCESS

IMPORTANT DATES

February 15: PPA Networking Night

February 16: Professional Practice Career Fair
PMU North Ballroom

February 17-18: Professional Practice Interview Days

March/April: Additional Interviews
Mail Referrals
Post-Interview Activities

End of April: Mandatory Orientations*
Meetings by Discipline

Summer or Fall: 1st Work Session
• YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION
  • Follow instructions on handout
  • APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 27, 2016
ENSURING SUCCESS

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR CO-OP PLACEMENT
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BE FLEXIBLE
Good Co-Op experience is more important than location

FOLLOW THE RULES
The Student Policy Statement and your Coordinator will tell you what you need to know.

USE YOUR FACULTY COORDINATOR
Keep them informed of ALL contact with potential employers and what is discussed

DO NOT INDEPENDENTLY CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER
Faculty Coordinators must always know where you are in the process with various employers
ENSURING SUCCESS
TIPS AND TRICKS FOR CO-OP PLACEMENT

YOUR WORD IS YOUR BOND
Once you have accepted a position, you cannot back out. We hold employers to their word, so we ask the same of you.

WATCH YOUR EMAILS AND RESPOND
The Office of Professional Practice will be sending you announcements.

REGULARLY CHECK OPP DATABASE FOR JOB POSTINGS
This is key to becoming aware of the most lucrative opportunities.

BE PERSISTENT
Steadfast determination is the key of getting a quality Co-Op job offer
UPCOMING EVENTS
WORKSHOPS, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
UPCOMING EVENTS

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AMBASSADORS (PPA) POST-CALLOUT INFO SESSION

• Post-Callout Info Session for Co-Op Applicants
  • Get answers to your practical questions from the best source: the Professional Practice Ambassadors
  • Q&A/Panel Discussion
  • Wednesday, January 20, 2016; 7:00 PM – EE 129
UPCOMING EVENTS

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE RESUME TABLE

• Professional Practice Resume Table

• Representatives from the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) will provide feedback on student resumes during this walk-in event.

• Monday, January 25, 2016; 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – POTR Lobby (Malott Commons)
UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERVIEW WORKSHOP FOR APPLICANTS

- Interview Workshop for Applicants
  
  - Learn the recipe for a successful interview from representatives from the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO).
  
  - Monday, February 8, 2016; 6:30 PM – EE129
UPCOMING EVENTS

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AMBASSADORS (PPA) NETWORKING NIGHT

- Professional Practice Ambassadors Networking Night
  - Take advantage of this opportunity to network with prospective employers before the Professional Practice Career Fair
  - Monday, February 15, 2016; 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – KRCH Atrium
UPCOMING EVENTS

PURDUE ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL (PESC) SPRING EXPO

• Purdue Engineering Student Council (PESC) Spring Expo

  • Similar to IR, PESC hosts this Career Fair each spring. Most companies recruit for full-time and internship positions, but some indicate Co-Op as a recruiting priority, while not attending Professional Practice Days.

  • Monday, February 1st, 2016; 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Mackey Arena
PPA PRESENTATION

REPRESENTATIVE BIOS

Pushkaran Palani
Chemical Engineering
Air Products & Chemicals
Madison, WI

Amanda Geither
Chemical Engineering
Dow Chemicals
Dallas, TX
• 12 – 18 months of industry experience!
• Aid in determining future coursework and desired career path
• Fast track to networking with peers/future colleagues
• Helps to cover tuition costs
• In most cases, provides avenue for graduate school reimbursement opportunities or full-time job offers
• Provides better understanding of how coursework can be applied in the real world
• No homework
First and Foremost: “Would I get paid as a Coop?”
  • All coop rotations are paid
  • Salaries vary based on major and graduation date

“Where would I live? How would I know where to live?”
  • Housing stipends are typically offered to students
  • Companies generally assist students in arranging housing well before their first day at work
  • Housing arrangements can occasionally be made with other Purdue students working for the same company
What about my friends? College is supposed to be fun, right?

- After work hours, you are free to socialize with fellow co-op students

- Most companies have organized, student-run committees to organize social events

- Network with co-op students on-campus and at other universities

- Being a co-op student provides opportunities to travel and relax on weekends
  - Money & free time available!
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CO-OP COORDINATORS

AGRICULTURE, LIBERAL ARTS, MANAGEMENT, POLYTECHNICE, & SCIENCE

**AGRICULTURE**

FS: Ms. Swift
FNR: Prof. Mills

**LIBERAL ARTS**

HIST: Prof. Hurt
ID: Prof. Bitner
INTD: Prof. Bitner

**MANAGEMENT**

ALL: Mr. Props

**POLYTECHNIC**

AT: Prof. Wulle
BCM: Prof. Hubbard
CGT: Prof. Miller
CIT: Prof. Miller
ECET: Prof. Widmer
MET: Prof. Widmer
TLI: Prof. Miller

**SCIENCE**

BIOL: Prof. Lucas
CHEM: Prof. Wenthold
CS: Mr. Nelson
EAPS: Prof. West
MATH: Prof. Ward
PHYS: Prof. Finley
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
GROUPED BY MAJOR
# Breakout Sessions

## Grouped by Major

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### Management

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*All others stay in LOEB*