The Importance of Co-ops/Internships
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- Valuable real world experience
- Learn soft skills not taught in college
- Strengthens the resume
- Helps determine right field of work
- Networking
What Duke Looks for in a Potential Co-op

- GPA
  - At least 2.75, 3.0+ preferred
- Expected Graduation Date
  - Junior or Seniors with one year remaining
  - Three rotations are preferred
- Relevant Work/School Experience
  - Internships
  - Relevant Clubs/Research/Projects
- Communication Skills
- Prior Research Done
  - Applied to Position Online
  - Attend Info Session
- Professionalism
During the Interview

- Communication Skills
- Examples of Leadership Skills
- No Technical Questions
- Company Loyalty
During the Co-op Rotation/Internship

- Professionalism
  - Punctuality
  - Positive Attitude/Behavior
  - Politeness
  - Competence
- Willingness to Learn/Ask Questions
  - Taking an active interest in the work
- Presentation Skills
What to Expect During the Co-op

- Given Engineer level work
  - Will draft up and present project to lead engineers throughout semester
- 15 min presentation detailing the rotation and project completed
- Field Trips/Site Visits
  - Power Plants
  - Substations
  - ECC