

Bus Coop
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Before I joined the coop program, I didn't really know what I wanted to pursue within the Facilities Management field. I wasn't sure if I wanted to be more involved with the manufacturing side, which was scheduling services for lab equipment or the engineering side, which involved Buildouts and budget. My coop experience has definitely helped me narrow down what path I wanted to take. I decided to move forward with Engineering and focus my goals on Budgeting, Space planning and EHS Safety.

I was fortunate to work with the Facilities Director in creating a Facilities budget spreadsheet for 2021 and 2022. The spreadsheet would make it easier to keep track of what is being spent and it forecasts what is needed for the next 2 years. I had the opportunity to work with the Engineer in expanding the Admin spaces to maintain the 6ft distancing policy in all the site locations. I worked with different furniture vendors and was able to share my ideas on the furniture styles. I've also had the opportunity to help create a plan action for the recent fire drill we had at the company last month with the EHS Safety Manager.

Participating in the cooperative education program was important to me because I wanted to make sure that Facilities Management is what I really wanted to do. Being able to have hands on experience is a great way to start off your career path. It gives you the opportunity to really understand the work instead of just reading about it. I would recommend the coop program to other students because it provides them with the opportunity to have full hands-on experience on the career path they have chosen.