



Civil & Environmental Engineering

CO-OP Program

Shorten the path to the PE for your Engineering Interns and accelerate your talent pipeline by hiring co-ops from LSU. Instead of a interns, consider co-ops! Graduates with co-op experience can become licensed in as little as three years after graduation.

Co-ops can be full-time or part-time. Students can be registered for a co-op and take classes or choose to work full-time in lieu of taking classes for a given semester.

Co-Op Rule 1507 (B) – LAPELS

- **Up to one year of engineering experience may be obtained prior to graduation**, if obtained through a college or university-sponsored co-op program as part of an accredited engineering curriculum approved by the board, and only after the student completes the first half of the curriculum.
- The co-op program work must appear on the applicant's college or university transcript for it to be considered.
- The amount of credit given for co-op program work will be based on the amount of co-op program work performed, will be limited by the applicant's academic course load and will only include co-op program work performed during an academic term. (Fall, Spring or Summer)
- The co-op **program work must be performed under the supervision of a professional engineer** holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or, if not, an explanation shall be made showing why the work should be considered acceptable.





Student Responsibilities:

- Must be at least halfway through their 120 hour curriculum (i.e. juniors and seniors are eligible)
- Register with LSU Olinde Career Center to have the co-op designated on the academic transcript for each academic term before the registration deadline (14th class day of each academic term).

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- Students must “register” their co-op experience through NCEES and submit documentation of their work in the NCEES portal.
- Verify on your transcript that the co-op shows up.

Employer Responsibilities:

- Provide student with a structured, professional work experience under the supervision of a professional engineer holding a valid license.
- The professional engineer who supervises the student may have to verify (sign off on) the work experience and hours worked for the student to submit it in the NCEES portal.
- The job descriptions for your students need to explicitly state the job title as co-op and the work should be a paid work experience in the practice of civil or environmental engineering.
- Consider a “cost offset” or “spot bonus” to cover the possible expense to the student to register the co-op experience (varies based on the semester of the co-op) but can range from \$0 - \$375 for the semester.

LSU Olinde Career Center:

- Inform both employers and students about the co-op program process and expectations.
- Process the co-op registration for the transcript and ensure students are aware of enrollment status and any associated implications (how to defer scholarships, etc.) if applicable.