

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (OPP)

The Office of Professional Practice (OPP) facilitates work-integrated experiential learning and professional development opportunities to Purdue students. OPP serves a diverse, high-performing student population, eager to gain industry experience. As we prepare the next generation of industry leaders, we have developed extensive programs supporting students through academic projects, skills development, global experiences and career exploration.



OPP PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

CO-OP

Students participate in 3-5 work sessions during academic terms (fall, spring, summer) which is equivalent to 12-18 months of work experience. Purdue co-op requires minimum two academic terms with the same employer. Students will register for a specific course each session and earn a co-op certificate. OPP also offers graduate student co-op programs in various models.



GEARE

Global Engineering Alliance for Research and Education (GEARE) is Purdue's premier international work experience program. It provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to integrate language study, study abroad, cultural training, domestic and international work/research experiences and global design projects into the four-year Engineering curriculum. GEARE students will earn a Global Engineering Studies Minor while enhancing the intercultural competencies necessary to be effective leaders within the global work environment.



LWW

Learning While Working (LWW) is a co-op model providing a sequential, year-long work experience. Students are eligible to receive academic credits through faculty mentored industry projects or by enrolling in online classes to reduce time to graduation. LWW students are ideal candidates for extensive projects and are able to support industry needs through impactful and engaging experiences.

ENGR 103

OPP offers a variety of professional development courses to enhance students' experiential learning opportunities. Employers are invited into OPP courses to share their knowledge and offer mentorship. Class sizes range from 25-150 students with a focus on different industry sectors.



IFI

Interns for Indiana (IFI) connects entrepreneurially minded Purdue students to startups and early stage companies. IFI supports various industries and communities throughout Indiana by organizing talent pipelines and assisting with summer internship stipends.



MILESTONES

MILESTONES is a series of skills-based, micro-credential certifications on engineering and prototyping skills. This program provides technical experiences to supplement and enhance classroom curriculum. Modules average 10-15 hours of hands-on practical training. This program aims to build technical skills to prepare students for industry experiences. Employers are welcome to partner with OPP to offer a customizable course to fit their specific needs.