

Reflection #1

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After working here for 4 months prior to this semester, I've been brought up to speed with the work processes and have been given more urgent assignments. My manager Ron has been relatively hands off with day-to-day work but checks in every now and then to check on my progress and gives recommendations for changes that need to be made. I received direct tutelage from one of the department's more experienced planners and we had a good relationship. His name was Sean, and he taught me how to access the different programs I was required to use and how to effectively create the construction narratives. We worked together on a few assignments before he was transferred to a new department. It was sad to see him go but I persevered as time went on. One of the most challenging assignments we worked on was creating a narrative for the Weapon's Tank Trusses which provided structural support for the entire section of the ship. The templates and process manual we had to use were from the Virginia-Class Submarine program and matching building steps and part numbers were difficult as there were differences in both structure and size of the build.

This co-op has definitely been a worthwhile experience thus far and provided me a chance to work in a real office environment that requires punctuality, communication, and teamwork. My only criticisms are that I wasn't placed into a division that worked on more IT related matters. It wasn't for lack of trying as I was working with my HR representative to try and find a department to transfer to but found nothing. Now that the company was put on a hiring freeze, my chances went from slim to none.

I won't let this affect my work as, even still, it can be beneficial as I become more familiar with the company, and I can learn more about the different software and techniques that are used by everyone on a daily basis. Further improving my skills and giving me a chance to increase my chances of success.