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Reflection #3

Doing 150 hours of internship has made me realize that I'm a changed person. At first, I thought I would get to teach the kids a lot about Cyber Security when I was a Cyber Camp Assistant at Danville Public Schools. Part of my job has been that, but I also have improved my communication, problem solving and leadership skills, which will help me for the rest of my career.

The biggest thing that I've picked up in teaching cybersecurity is that it's not just about knowing the material, it's about teaching it. Each student learns differently and I had to explain the same thing in a number of ways. No matter the topic we were working on - whether it was password security, phishing, online safety, or digital citizenship, I found that I could help students grasp what was being discussed much better by using simple examples and allowing them to ask questions. It was very helpful to watch students get more confident as they went through the camp, and to remind me of the need to communicate clearly, particularly in technical topics.

The more experience I had the more comfortable I become taking initiative. I didn't wait for directions to look for opportunities to help the students who were having difficulties, to get things ready before they began, to help the teachers with anything they needed. I gained confidence in myself through these experiences to be part of the team. I also learned that

leadership is not necessarily equal to authority. Sometimes leadership involves identifying what needs to be done and taking action on it without being requested.

Another skill I picked up was adaptability. Each day was unique and any number of bizarre events would occur. From a technology perspective, as well as changes to the schedule, or students requiring additional help or support, I became patient and adapted my teaching. Instead, I took a practical approach and changed my attitude and found solutions. From this experience I learnt the value of flexibility in the working place.

My experience with the other instructors was very helpful in learning the importance of teamwork. Some of us relied on each other to maintain the flow of the camp and to provide a positive learning situation for the students. There was a good level of communication among staff that enabled activities to run smoothly and to ensure that the students had the support they needed. The experience strengthened the notion that successful projects are the result of team working and that all are important to the overall success.

I have also gained an insight into the future course of my career through this internship. I have come to understand that I like technology, computers, security, helping organize projects and work with people. These experiences have reinforced my interest in eventually going into project management within the technology field. I think my communication and communication leadership skills gained from this internship will be as important as my technical expertise when continuing to build my career.