



Student Success Story- Energy Management and Building Science Essentials of Facility Management (EOFM) Internship

Paid Facility Management Internship @ Western Allied Mechanical onsite @ NXP Semi

STUDENT PROFILE:

- BA Degree in Sociology
- AA Degree in Liberal Arts
- Certificate of Achievement- Energy Management and Building Science
- Quality Assurance Specialist- Electronic Arts (EA)
- Graduate of the EM & BS Essentials of Facility Management Internship (June 2016)
- Paid Facility Management Internship-July 2016

I was happy to participate in the first Essentials of Facility Management class and internship offered by the Energy Management and Building Science program during the Spring Quarter.

I was lucky enough to earn an internship with Western Allied Mechanical working onsite at NXP Semiconductor as a Facility Manager.

By experiencing the daily activities of a Facility Manager, I learned how many things FMs are exposed to and responsible for each day. The FM role requires attention to detail, effective communication and leadership. I learned first-hand at the NXP facilities that time and task management is critically important. Each day, we took a walk around the building to identify problems that one would not notice or otherwise see. It was part of the proactive maintenance aspect of being an FM.

Cleaning and checking equipment for damage or improper function is also a regular task. **Weekly** meetings keep up with the status of daily and weekly maintenance routines and it is critically important that issues and corrective actions are communicated and acted upon quickly.

Paying attention to changes or things that need attention is also important. For example the need for occupancy sensors might be established in areas where lights have been left on continuously. The payback on the installation of the sensors more than offsets the cost of the electricity that is wasted. **It is amazing how much we learned in our various Energy Management classes that I experienced first-hand during my internship!**

The Essentials of Facility Management experience was a great learning opportunity for me and I am grateful that it led to an internship that really opened eyes and showed me what a great career path FM is. I am very interested in pursuing FM as my career of choice. Thanks to Western Allied Mechanical, IFMA and you for this great opportunity and the mentorship I received.

Find a rewarding career in Facility Management like this student Learn more: Contact Bill Roeder- roederwilliam@fhda.edu