

On April 7, 2015, the PEO Peterborough Chapter hosted a sold-out EIT seminar at the Peterborough Golf & Country Club. 36 people attended with various interests, in the audience were licenced engineers, engineering graduates who are thinking about applying to be an Engineering Intern (EIT) and current EITs planning on to be licensed engineers in Ontario.

Manoj Choudhary and Tracey Caruana from PEO Head Office were the featured speakers. The seminar started with a presentation where Mr. Choudhary, EIT Program Manager, explained on what to do to become a licensed Professional Engineer in Ontario. To meet the licensing requirement, graduates of Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) - accredited engineering program must have acceptable engineering education, good character, 48 months engineering experiences and pass Professional Practice Examination. Graduates of non-CEAB universities must submit their academic transcripts and may have technical exams or an Experience Requirements Committee (ERC) interview if academic equivalency is not met. Applicants must also have 48 months of applicable work experience of which a minimum of 12 months must be under the supervision of a licenced professional engineer in a Canadian jurisdiction.

Next, Tracey Caruana, P.Eng., EIT Coordinator gave a presentation about the EIT Program and the Licensure Assistance Program(LAP). The purpose of EIT Program is to provide guidance to engineering graduates as they acquire the 48 months of engineering work experience, it also offers free annual work experience review for engineering interns. In addition, there is a Financial Credit Program which designed for graduates of CEAB- accredited engineering programs and international engineering graduates (IEGs) with a Bachelor of Engineering or Applied Science degree. A CEAB accredited candidate can apply within six months of their graduation and IEGs who apply within six months of their landing date in Canada to waive the application fee and first year's membership fee.

The Licensure Assistance Program on the other hand is a six month program which matches licenced engineers with engineering interns to help support engineering interns through the licensing process. LAP is a platform which allows licenced engineer volunteers to share their knowledge with engineering interns, assisting them in transitioning from an EIT member to fully licensed professional engineer. (Note: The Licensure Assistance Program is not presently offered by the Peterborough Chapter)

Following the presentation was a Q&A session and the audience asked many specific questions reflecting their varied educations/ work experiences, there are numbers of questions about what engineering experience is PEO looking for and how is the engineering experience evaluated by PEO. PEO Peterborough Chapter Chair Clarence Klassen also shared a tip with the audience when answering a question from one attendee: To avoid troubles on not been able to find a reference from few jobs ago, it's always a good practice to have your experience evaluated by your reference and ask for your references' contact information before switching jobs.

If you missed the event and would like a copy of the presentation, please feel free to contact us through our website.

The Peterborough chapter is initiating the Licensure Assistance Program (LAP) following this event. We will be calling for volunteer mentors and preparing a training session soon.

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