

Internship Case Study:

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“Read, read, read everything you can get your hands on. Information is always changing and it is very difficult to keep up.”

Company:

Local Electric Company

Internship Length:

Originally for summer only, extended to 6 months

Describe the application and interview process:

I completed an online application. Then I received a call requesting an interview. On the day of the interview, I checked in at the front security desk at the World Trade Center. I was escorted to a conference room for the interview. There was a team of 4+ interviewers. I was nervous but only because I was in an interview and understood what the outcome meant to my future career. The interviewers were very receptive of any questions I asked and made me feel comfortable.

What was the size of your team? Where was it located in the organization?

Five plus contractors. Security Assurance Team within IT Department

What was your role and what work did it involve?

I shadowed team members as they worked. I learned how the different tools used worked and why those particular tools were used. I was given specific tasks to complete, which varied from collecting data to assisting in updating policies and procedures. I received insight into how the things I learned in college actually applied in a utility company.

What was most valuable about your work experience?

I received hands-on experience in the utility industry in the field for which I was trained. I received true mentorship from multiple people within the company.

What tips would you give other students looking for cybersecurity internships?

1. Get all of your certifications as you proceed through school because employers are still using the certification and degree card.
2. Get as much “real” work experience as you can.
3. Join the local chapter of ISACA.