

Mechanical Engineering Professionalism Requirement

Applies to the Fall 2013 Requirement Term and Later - Updated 12.16.14

The goal of the ME Professionalism Requirement is to prepare students for successful careers through the development of skills related to teamwork, communication, and professional/ethical responsibility. The requirement consists of an introductory seminar (MCEN2000) as well as a number of supplemental activities, which culminate in students' successful completion of the Buffs Professional Program.* Both the seminar and the supplemental events are made possible by support from Shell Global and in partnership with CU Career Services.

MCEN2000: ME Professionalism Seminar

The ME Professionalism Seminar serves as a foundation for students in Mechanical Engineering to complete their professionalism requirement. The course material includes three activities (see below) that are specifically required for the Buffs Pro Program.

1. Resume
2. Mock Interview
3. Career Advising Session

Additional Buffs Pro Requirements

In addition to successfully completing MCEN2000, students are required to participate in four supplemental activities prior to graduation. They will also have the option of completing a Summit Event through Career Services, in order to earn the full Buffs Pro Certification.* Approved events will be posted in the calendar section of the ME Professionalism Seminar page on D2L.

1. Industry Connections (2) - Events in this category specifically involve interaction with representatives from industry. The goal of the events is to familiarize participants with a variety of different companies/career fields, as well as with the etiquette involved with professional interactions. Examples of approved events would be career fairs, networking nights, and select company info sessions.

2. Career Development (2) - These events are more broad and are focused on any of a wide range of topics related to professional development. Examples could include presentations related to the environmental impact of technology, workshops focused on developing an effective team, and entrepreneurship events. If there is an event that you think would be appropriate for the requirement but that is not included on the calendar, please let us know and we would be happy to review it.

3. Summit Event* (1) – After attending the events described above, students complete the Buffs Professional Program by attending a Summit Event hosted by Career Services. Summit Events are offered once a semester and provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate the skills that they have developed throughout the program, while networking with employers and gaining valuable career advice. Advance registration is required.

*In order to graduate from the ME Department, students are required to complete MCEN2000, two additional industry connection events, and two additional career development events. Students who would like to complete the full Buffs Pro Certification through Career Services will also need to attend a summit event, which is #3 above.