

**We asked students about their  
co-op work terms and these  
were their answers**

# Aidan Cole

## Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

### About

Camosun College BBA in Marketing, Aidan Cole, applied their academic knowledge at Consumer Protection BC



### Work Term

#### 1. What was your biggest take-away from your work term?

It is about personal agency and documenting work. How it's important to collect and present data and results in a way that shows value to both the organization, and your career goals. An example would be how I'm creating process documents regarding SEO and ad optimization, citing some of the success that we've created using these practices.

#### 2. What was your favourite part of your position?

I really like seeing the statistics and working to optimize performance of our socials, it feels nice to have that measurable feedback on the work that you do.

#### 3. How did co-op benefit you personally and professionally?

I've learned to think about the work that I do and how I can present that value to potential employers. I've also learned to apply this new way of thinking to personal goals and how I approach many aspects of my personal life.

#### 4. How do you think your co-op work term will help you in the future?

I think besides the experience and project portfolio, I will be able to take a lot of the communication and organizational awareness growth I've experienced with me.

#### 5. Do you have any advice for students looking for one?

In order to find my job, I used education that works through Camosun. My advice is to start earlier than you think, and check the site often. It's super helpful that it tells you the deadlines for applications.

**Co-op Position:**  
Marketing Associate

**Company:**  
Consumer Protection  
BC

#### Relevant Skills:

- SEO
- Social Media Optimization
- Communication

# Monika Bhardwaj

## Post Degree Diploma - Business Administration in HR Management and Leadership



### About

Camosun College PDD in HR Student, Monika Bhardwaj, applied their academic knowledge at Catalyst Paper

### Work Term

**1. What was your biggest take-away from your work term?**  
Treat everyone with kindness and give your best at what you do because nothing goes unnoticed!

**2. What was your favourite part of your position?**  
To observe how HR people interact with almost everyone in the company on every day basis. As HR professional, no two days are same as there are so many aspects which were dealt on each day.

**3. How did co-op benefit you personally and professionally?**  
It has helped me identify some aspects of my personality which I didn't know before! I learnt that HR is much more than what is taught. It is responsible for maintaining equilibrium across the company. It provides the much-needed balance. Professionally, I have learnt so many valuable lessons not just related to HR but also to business and legal world. I got to meet many highly experienced people and I will say by just watching them I have learnt a lot.

**4. Why did you decide to do a co-op?**  
I decided to do a co-op to get a glimpse of the Canadian HR world. Also, I was keen to be well prepared and be equipped with necessary skills before my first full time HR job!

**5. Do you have any advice for students looking for one?**  
My advice would be to start as early as possible and to apply to as many positions as you desire. Most importantly, know what you are looking for in a CO-OP. Make sure you know what kind of experience you want from the work term and then go from there.

**Co-op Position:**  
HR Generalist

**Company:**  
Catalyst Paper

### Relevant Skills:

- Communication
- Organizational
- Multitasking

# Samantha Furlong - Horncastle

Bachelor of Business  
Administration in Accounting



## About

Camosun College BBA in Accounting student, Samantha Furlong - Horncastle, applied their academic knowledge at Burns & Co., Chartered Professional Accountant

## Work Term

### 1. What was your biggest take-away from your work term?

Knowing that I can do it! It gave me more confidence when I returned to school because I realized I could actually learn and do the work even better in the real world.

### 2. What was your favourite part of your position?

Working in a smaller firm, I got to know everyone and it felt more personable.

### 3. How did co-op benefit you personally and professionally?

I feel my foot is in the door and it provided me with a job opportunity after I completed my work term - I now work there part-time while I'm studying.

### 4. Why did you decide to do a co-op?

It gives me the opportunity to get my name out there, experience to put on my resume, and I get to see what it is like working for different companies.

### 5. How did you find your co-op position? Do you have any advice for students looking for one?

I found my co-op through the college portal, [www.EducationThatWorks.ca](http://www.EducationThatWorks.ca). My advice? Do it! You get experience and you can get a job out of it. I would definitely recommend students do more than one co-op, even if it's the same company or a different one. It is a really good opportunity to get your name out there.

**Co-op Position:**  
Junior Accountant

**Company:**  
Burns & Co.

**Relevant Skills:**

- Communication
- Adaptability
- Customer Service

# Vekey Huang

## Post Degree Diploma - Business Administration in Accounting



### About

Camosun College PDD in Accounting Student, Vekey Huang, applied their academic knowledge at Baker Tilly Victoria LTD

### Work Term

#### 1. What was your biggest take-away from your work term?

The main take away from my co-op was that I learned what I liked and what I disliked!

#### 2. What was your favourite part of your position?

My favourite part was being able to learn a lot about not only my actual work but how businesses work, how they allocate their funds and other aspects of businesses accounting that I was unfamiliar with.

#### 3. What was the biggest challenge you overcame?

It is my first full time office job so it was a change in workflow. My main challenge was adjusting to the new workflow and the software but always remember, your employer doesn't expect you to know everything!

#### 4. Why did you decide to do a co-op?

Co-op provides a good opportunity to see if you like what you are doing and also gives you the opportunity to see if you like the company.

#### 5. Anything you would like to say to other students looking for a co-op?

The experience is very important for your individual self and for your resume because it helps you find what you like. In the workplace, as a co-op, there is help around when you need it and that it is always appreciated.

**Co-op Position:**  
Staff Accountant

**Company:**  
Baker Tilly Victoria  
LTD

#### Relevant Skills:

- Time management
- Interpersonal communication
- Adaptability