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

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About

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Work Term

1. What was your biggest take-away from your work term?
Everyone is here to help, so don't be intimidated or shy to ask. Everyone is very welcoming and wants us to succeed so don't be too reserved if you need assistance. My supervisor always tells me that the work term is for us to learn and expand our horizons, it's not just to work and be paid.

2. What was your favourite aspect of your work term?
My favourite aspect of work is meeting a lot of new people. It is great that I can also still be paid while meeting new people and connect with them. Meeting new people is really great for my future - I can add them to my LinkedIn network and emails. While meeting new people, it helps me in practicing my verbal communication skills. Plus, it is a really flexible work/life balance.

3. How do you think your co-op work term will help you in the future?
I believe that the co-op helped me having a more developed schedule and become more organized. Learning how to become more organized is very beneficial since it might assist me more when I go back to finish my diploma. . I also believe all this experience will be very beneficial for future careers in the similar fields.

4. Do you have any advice for students looking for one?
I highly recommend talking with the co-op department at Camosun to help you get prepared. I don't think I would have gotten a job without the help from them. They helped me prepare by perfecting my resume and cover letter and even helped me do a practice interview. Co-ops seems intimidating but everyone at the workplace is there to learn!

Co-op Position:
Security Co-op Technical Analyst

Company:
Ministry of Citizens' Services

Relevant Skills:
- Adaptability
- Communication
- ServiceNow (cloud-based platform)

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