

Putting the P in the P. Eng.: What They Didn't Teach You at University

So you've graduated from an engineering program, you have your license, and you even have years of experience in your technical field. But are you a "professional" engineer? Too often the curricula and PDH sessions are filled with specific technical skills but lack the "soft skills" training that help us adapt and flex to situations and to communicate and interact with others. Beginning with the results of an Engineering Manager Survey of what skills a young engineer requires, you will then be provided with a quick overview of the skills you need to succeed. After this session, you will be able to self-assess what areas you need to develop to become a successful professional.

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