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Career Services

What is the PE Licensure?

What Is It?

The PE, or Professional Engineering License is a license that allows engineers who work with the public to sign off on jobs and projects.

Why Get It?

You will need a PE if your job has anything concerning the public. Only certain degrees need it, so make sure you will use it before you get it.

Typical majors that need PE: Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical, Industrial

Steps

1. Acquire Engineering Degree
2. Pass Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (FE)
3. Gain engineering experience (Four Years)
4. Pass Professional Engineer Exam

Extra Need To Knows

- Steps one and two can overlap, it is best to take the FE exam during your last semester (OSU will cover the exam fee if you pass.)
- For your engineering experience to count you must apply and be accepted as an Engineering Intern.
- Steps three and four also overlap. While you must have four years of experience to become a licensed PE, there is possibility of taking the PE exam before you finish the years of experience. This all depends on what situation you are in, just apply and find the best time for you to take the test. You must have passed the test and have the years of experience to obtain the license.
- Depending on the state, getting a masters degree could take a year off required engineering experience.
- Find more state specific information and apply for testing at: www.ncees.org/engineering/