The G.R.E.A.T. Program

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The G.R.E.A.T. Program application is available online at newkensington.psu.edu/great-program

Please be prepared to submit the following:

- two letters of recommendation
- an essay (500 words) explaining why you are interested in being part of the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

Review of applications and selection of participants begins in March for first-year students starting in the fall. Notification of acceptance is sent before May 1. See the website for more details.

The G.R.E.A.T. Program (Growing Regional Excellence through Experience, Academics and Training) is a unique learning initiative specifically for promising engineering and information sciences and technology (IST) students at Penn State New Kensington. The program, which is only available at the campus, provides participants with opportunities to establish innovative skills necessary for being members of the future workforce, network with industry leaders and organizations and build professional experience.

Unlike other programs that require students to be in their junior or senior year in order to participate, the G.R.E.A.T. Program encourages students to have meaningful and professional experiences as soon as their first year at Penn State. Students also gain a competitive edge by strengthening and building sought-after skills - such as adaptability, problem-solving, creative thinking, innovation and communication - our industry partners look for in their own employees.

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Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered for the G.R.E.A.T. Program, students must:

• Be accepted to Penn State New Kensington in:
  - the Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (EMET) program
  - any four-year engineering program
  - the Information Sciences and Technology (IST) program

• Have a high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.3

• Have a math SAT score at or above 500

• Submit a G.R.E.A.T. Program application and supplemental information

Unique Program Opportunities

G.R.E.A.T. students work to develop and strengthen skills for career and academic success through a variety of unique experiences:

• **Professional workshops and seminars:** Interactive sessions start early in fall semester and include topics such as resume writing, interview preparation, networking and project management.

• **Industry site visits:** Students hear and learn from, as well as network with, industry professionals at our partner locations.

• **Long-term internships:** Participants have first-access to potential paid internship opportunities through a competitive interview process with our industry partners. Students who gain an internship have the potential to continue in their positions until graduation.

• **Penn State New Kensington’s Innovation Hub: The Corner:** G.R.E.A.T. students have access to The Corner’s modern and unique space in downtown New Kensington where they can attend free educational programs, visit with mentors, study or explore their ideas and creativity. All G.R.E.A.T. students have the option to pursue further skills and expertise through specialized “Innovation Track” programming in their sophomore year and beyond. This could result in a certificate and/or minor in entrepreneurship and the chance to see their best ideas become reality!