

## The OPTIONS Program – Fall 2019 Cohort Schedule

Wednesday | Oct 2 – Dec 4 | 1 - 3 pm

Date	Location	Topic	Description	Instructor
Wed Oct 2	WB258	You as a Professional I: Labour Market and Transferable Skills	Identify sectors that employ engineering graduates, and the skills and attributes employers seek from the workforce.	Jason Anderson, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Wed Oct 9	WB258	You as a Professional II: Self-awareness	Take a self-assessment to discover how to leverage your talents to transform from an individual, technical expert to a collaborative engineering leader.	Doug Reeve, Director Emeritus, Troost Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering & Professor, Chemical Engineering & Applied Chemistry
Wed Oct 16	GB202	Career Exploration Plan I	Reflect on your experiences and stories in an organized way to clarify your strengths, desires, interests, personal qualities and influences using a career management tool. Create a career statement with professional vocabulary.	Teresa Didiano, Special Program Coordinator, Troost Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering
Wed Oct 23	WB258	Career Exploration Plan II	Debrief the career management tool. Transform your 'career statement' into an actionable Career Exploration Plan for 3+ career possibilities.	Mark Franklin, Practice Leader, CareerCycles.com & Instructor, Engineering Careers (APS1030)
Wed Oct 30	WB258	Networking I: Informational Interviews and Online Tools	Learn how to conduct informational interviews that allow you to explore career options and cultivate meaningful relationships with industry leaders.  Put your new networking skills into action, and discover online tools to connect to engineering professionals.	Lydia Wilkinson, Instructor, Engineering Communications Program  Jonathan Turner, Career Educator, Career Exploration & Education
Wed Nov 6	WB258	Networking II: Personal Value Proposition	Develop a personal value proposition that communicates the unique value you bring to the workplace. Practice the fundamentals of networking etiquette.	Albert Huynh, , Leadership Education Specialist, Troost Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering
Wed Nov 13	WB258	Job Search Strategies I: Resume and Cover Letter	Apply strategies to showcase your engineering PhD and post-doc experiences in an employment-oriented resume and cover letter.	Lydia Wilkinson
Wed Nov 20	WB258	You as a Professional III: Workplace Culture	Discover different workplace cultures and how these cultures might match your desires and strengths to better shape your job search.	Jordan Daniow, Leadership Education Specialist, Troost Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering
Wed Nov 27	GB202	Job Search Strategies II: Interviewing	Learn about types of interview questions and how best to answer them. Participate in mock interviews.	Lydia Wilkinson
Wed Dec 4	GB202	Reflect, Synthesize, and Next Steps	Reflect on and synthesize your personal learning from the past nine weeks. Take inventory of your Career Exploration Plan and set goals for next steps.	Jason Anderson