

An In-Depth Look at Career Paths

Construction Management students are faced with a decision once they graduate college and start moving up in the work force. They must decide what career path they want to pursue, and they typically have very little information about each position to make their decision. Their information on the career paths typically comes from professor’s experiences, internships, and family experiences. The goal of this Senior Project was to allow for an unbiased look at each different career path, breaking it up into Project Managers, Superintendents, and Estimating/BIM Managers. The survey was focused on work-life balance, hours per week, and time spent in office versus the field. The results of the survey showed that there was not much difference between the three different positions. The biggest difference between positions was the amount of time spent in the office versus the field. As expected, Superintendents spend the majority of their time in the field, while Project Managers and Estimating/BIM Managers spend the majority of their time in the office. Due to there being little difference in these categories, the biggest factor a student should consider when deciding what career path to follow should be the responsibilities that each position is responsible for.

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