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Work Experience 12

Reflection #1

So far during my work experience, we have done a lot of prep work to get myself ready for when we are able to go into the lab. This also helped me familiarise myself with different tools that I was able to use and how learned how to properly manage them. One experience that stood out to me was when there had been a shipment of beverages that had arrived at the office, and they had to go through different sorts of test to assure that they were good for public use. I learned how to register it into the system. Each beverage, although some were very similar, had to be specifically identified and logged using a variety of applications to assure that all the information was present. Every detail that was given had to be carefully put into the system, for example the exact time it was made and the specific production line it came from. While this was quite tedious, it was one of the most important steps and without it, important materials could very easily get lost.

**How has this experience helped expand your skills and provide opportunity for self-discovery?**

Although quite simple, the main thing I was able to take away from this experience was the importance of organisation and planning. Especially in this sort of scenario where we don’t have everything set up for ourselves and we are not working in an ideal environment, everything needs to have some order. With the amount of information there was, it’s extremely easy for things to end up everywhere. This scenario specifically showed me how when things seem to be in complete disarray, if you are able to make a plan that fits with what you are trying to accomplish, things become a lot simpler and easier. Creating a system that is tailored for the way you work and for the way you want to proceed, became my way of assuring that every important documentation that had been given to me was being fully covered.

With myself, I have never been extremely big on trying to make a plan and assuring that everything had been planned out. I tend to just want to start something as quick as possible and see where it leads me. This can sometimes push me in a tough situation where I am forced to make a hard decision. It can also lead to things becoming unorganised. Although most of the time it works out, I can see why having a well organised plan can be more beneficial for myself. It reduces the chances of something going wrong, and even if something does happen, you could easily have planned for it. With new methods and applications for organisation and planning, I can start taking a little bit of time before I start something to simply go over what I want to do and how I want to do it.