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Engineering Management

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What does a typical day look like?

His answer: "The day is unpredictable. In a leadership position time to sit down by so many things. A lot of people depend on you."

This agrees with the research I found. Being an engineer manager you have to have a lot of patience and be willing to flexible with your time and schedule.

How did you change to the adaptation of engineering?

His answer: "I was [illegible] when changing. My other home to keep improving to started the other engineers and the change. From time to do things the old ways. Make sure to think ahead and things don't change as we want to be the traditional accent engineer.

What advice do you have for future engineers?

His answer: "Whatever problems you face just keep pushing back. Take the most challenging job you can find. There is a certain amount of anxiety to being an engineer manager. You just have to quit it out and develop self-confidence. You can't lose that confidence when you make mistakes, you just got to learn from them.

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- 7.5 semester hours taken in the Fox School of Business and Management
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- You need to obtain a state recognized license in engineering.
- You need to complete at least 4 years of training by professional engineers
- You also need to work as a professional engineer before you can jump into being a engineer manager.

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How did you change to the adaptation of engineering?

His answer: " Keep your eyes open on whats changing. You also have to keep an open mind. Some of the older engineers don't like change. They like to do things the old way. Make sure to think ahead. As things start to change you won't be the technical expert anymore.

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How would you inform a student or employee that they need to rethink their design?

His answer: "Ask them enough questions so that they can come to the conclusion that they should change their idea. You also want to make sure you don't ruin their confidence, you want to be firm but support them at the same time."

This also agrees with the research we found because a lot of people depend on you. They want your feedback yet they don't want to get their feelings hurt. That is why you have to be good with people.