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Hands-On Learning Experience

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In high school, where I first decided I wanted to go into accounting, I was not really aware of what a public accounting firm did. While studying at Pitt, the idea of working in audit for a public accounting firm really interested me. When I received my offer from Schneider Downs as an Audit Intern, I was beyond excited. I was thrilled about the opportunity to intern at such a great, well-respected company, and in the exact area that I wanted. I thought I would enjoy audit because I liked the idea of working at the client site and learning about various businesses. I couldn't wait to start and get my first experience of auditing and the culture at Schneider Downs.

Before I started, I was curious about how much client site involvement I would actually have. I quickly learned that Schneider Downs does a fantastic job at getting the interns involved with clients. I was on many different engagements, and I really felt like I learned a lot while I was at the client. What I learned gave me great insight into the audit service line. Everyone I worked with was very kind, knowledgeable, and helpful. They took time to explain to me what I was doing, and the importance of it. People often say that the employees are what makes a firm unique, but this is especially true for Schneider Downs.

By getting hands-on experience, my internship at Schneider Downs has given me a great introduction into auditing, public accounting, and what it is like to work at one of the top accounting firms in the country.

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