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In the past six months, I had been given the opportunity to work as an intern/ Co-Op for Northeastern University's Planning, Real Estate, and Facilities's Campus Planning and Design department. During my co-op with Northeastern's campus planning and design team, I had the opportunity to deepen my existing knowledge and skills while also developing new ones. Working closely with experienced professionals, I gained valuable insights into the intricacies of campus planning and design.

I honed my skills in creating floor plan iterations, enhancing my ability to visualize and execute design concepts. My communication skills improved significantly as I collaborated with team members on data collection and project development. This experience taught me the importance of clear and effective communication in achieving project goals and maintaining a cohesive team dynamic.

Additionally, my curiosity and proactive approach led me to seek out new learning opportunities. For instance, I requested an account for Revit, a software not required for my current role but essential for my future career in design. This initiative helped me become more proficient in a crucial industry tool, further preparing me for post-college career prospects.

The knowledge and skills I acquired during this co-op will profoundly influence my academic and career decision-making. Understanding the practical applications of design theories has reinforced my passion for the field, guiding my course selections and projects to align more closely with my career goals. The practical experience has also given me a clearer vision of my professional aspirations, motivating me to seek roles that allow for creativity, collaboration, and continuous learning.

In summary, my co-op experience has not only enhanced my technical abilities and professional competencies but also solidified my career trajectory in the field of design. This foundation will undoubtedly shape my future academic endeavors and career decisions, driving me to pursue opportunities that align with my passion and long-term goals.