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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering | Pittsburgh PA
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (Concentration: Electric Power)
GPA: 3.59 | Magna Cum Laude | Dean's List and Term's Honor student

Apr 2025

EXPERIENCE

Low Voltage Electrical Design Intern

Jun 2025 – Sep 2025

- Designed and optimized a low-voltage power distribution system for a six-story residential building (70+ rooms) under faculty supervision, creating detailed lighting, power, and socket layouts using AutoCAD Electrical and DIALux
- Developed single-line diagrams and electrical panel board schematics ensuring proper load balancing, protection coordination, and safety compliance
- Prepared a comprehensive Bill of Materials (BOM) and cost analysis to support accurate material estimation and project budgeting within $\pm 5\%$ variance of actual cost

Electrical Engineering Lab Assistant

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

- Structured and led interactive 10+ lab sessions, providing technical support and guiding 30+ students through complex circuit analysis and troubleshooting
- Guided student data collection and analysis, elevating quality of lab reports and projects

Electrical Engineering Volunteering

Jun 2021 – Aug 2021

- Constructed and tested automated circuit solutions for a robotic vehicle, enhancing sensor integration, motor control, and overall system efficiency by $\sim 15\%$
 - Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of engineers and developers to troubleshoot and debug issues in robotic systems
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PROJECTS

High Voltage Power System Diagnostics Simulator

- Developed a Python and PowerWorld-based simulation platform for a 7-bus high-voltage transmission network, implementing intelligent load-flow, fault, and sequence-network analyses
- Engineered dynamic power-system modeling functions and implemented a Newton–Raphson power-flow solver with < 0.0001 pu precision, simulating balanced and unbalanced faults to evaluate grid stability, system losses, and protection performance, validated through a Python–PowerWorld SimAuto interface for result accuracy

Retro Multiplayer Game Console - Capstone Senior Design Project

- Led design and execution of a dual-screen gaming console featuring real-time wireless multiplayer support for 2 players
- Created 3 PCBs for controllers and main console, interfacing processing, display, and communication modules
- Refined game logic and architecture using advanced memory handling and frame-synced video synchronization, achieving stable 60 Hz refresh, < 10 ms input latency, and smooth, responsive gameplay

RFID-Based Smart Car Gate Opener

- Designed an RFID-based gate system with real-time authentication and automated operation, reducing manual entry time by $\approx 80\%$ and improving security and access efficiency
 - Built a durable custom PCB and enclosure integrating RFID reader, relay driver, and power regulation circuitry, ensuring reliable 24/7 performance in long-term use
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SKILLS

Tools and Software: AutoCAD Electrical, Revit, Altium Designer, DIALux, ANSYS Maxwell, SolidWorks, PowerWorld, Pspice, MATLAB/Simulink, Multisim, GitHub, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Programming Languages: C, C++, Python, MATLAB, Arduino IDE, ARM Assembly, FPGA

Electrical and Hardware Skills: Power System Modeling, Load Flow and Fault Analysis, Control Systems, Circuit Design and Analysis, PCB Design and Layout, Schematic Capture, Embedded Systems, Soldering, Building Breadboards

Professional Skills: Analytical Thinking, Technical Problem Solving, Team Collaboration, Project Coordination, Technical Communication, Attention to Detail, Continuous Learning

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, IEEE-HKN Beta Delta Chapter | Member, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society