

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Aaron Newton

**Graduation Year:** December 2018

**Semester of Internship:** Spring 2018

**Major:** Information Technology

**Hometown:** North Huntingdon

**Minor:** History

**Hobbies:** Hockey, Hunting, Fishing, Golf

**Campus Activities:** N/A

**Future Plans/Career Goals:** Become a Computer Programmer

- **Internship (company/your title):**

Wolseley Industrial Group / Intern Programmer

- **How did you find your internship?**

My Youth Minister from my church told me about the position.

- **What were your duties?**

I had to write technical and procedural documents for some of their tasks. I also had to test their applications for bugs and flaws as well as write and design code for testing purposes.

- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

I worked a little over 24 hours per week.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

I enjoyed everything about my internship. The job atmosphere was fantastic and I especially loved getting real life experience in a job field that interests me.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

The company relies on languages like C#, ASP.NET, MVC, and a few other programming languages that I have not been exposed to. I had to learn on the job but I was able to learn it quickly.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Information Technology department prepare you for your internship?**

UPG and the Information Technology professors have helped a lot. They taught me languages like HTML, Javascript, and especially SQL which prepared me for this internship.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

They set me up with real life problems that they are dealing and they trusted me to solve them. It's almost like I wasn't an intern, but like I was a part-time employee.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

Internships are a great resource to rely on. Some of them are useless but others actually have you do something. The key is to find a company that would actually have you do something.