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Kristin works as a Scientist II with Hull and Associates, Inc. (Hull). Hull is a project development, energy, and engineering consulting firm headquartered in Toledo, Ohio. As a Scientist II Kristin works on a number of projects including superfund, dredged material management, wetland and stream delineation, environmental permitting, and environmental site assessment and remediation. Working on these projects requires fieldwork, which includes environmental sampling and stream and wetland delineation, and office work, which consists of preparing reports, interacting with clients, and community outreach.

Kristin credits her time in the Department of Environmental Sciences (DES) with providing her with a strong scientific background. She also points to her time with the DES helping her develop critical thinking, writing, and communication skills. While in the DES, she had the opportunity to work on research projects and help others with their projects by working in a laboratory, and credits these experiences outside of the classroom as being important to her training for her career.

Kristin's advice to current students would be to seek out opportunities outside of the classroom. This is not because what you learn in class is not important in your career, but because the other opportunities allow you to apply your knowledge and results from projects in a professional setting.

She also encourages DES students to, "keep an open mind through their job search and career and take every opportunity to build your network and work on different projects."

This will lead to the development of a variety of skills and form a network of environmental professionals that will be important throughout your career.

