

What is your field of study? Why did you choose this field to work in?

Chemical Engineering currently, however I'm now pursuing a MBA degree. I choose the field of Chemical Engineering because during high school I really enjoyed Chemistry and was inspired by both my high school Physics and Chemistry instructors to pursue a degree in applied science. Currently, I am employed as an IBM manager – so am not directly applying my Chemical Engineering expertise, however I use the skills, knowledge and discipline I have learned through my B.S. and M.S. in Chemical Engineering degrees daily.

Is the engineering/science/technology field different than what you thought it would be?

I fully expected to be directly applying my chemical knowledge in my job in my chosen career path. I was, and still am, shocked to see the number of engineers that have taken their engineering education and applied it in marketing, sales, management etc. And many of those engineers are high-ranking individuals in the executive ranks – therefore they're not directly using their engineering skills. I do think the engineering disciplines provide a solid problem- solving foundation and logical thought process, which allows for the broad applicability to a variety of jobs.