



Your Name: Liz Madison

Job Title: Property Manager

Degrees awarded from Ferris: Associate of Applied Science,
Architectural Technology (2007)

Bachelor of Science, Facility Management (2009)

Minor, Communication (2009)

Graduation year: 2009

Name of Employer: General Services Administration

How would you describe your current position? The main focus of the Property Management office I work in is to handle the day to day operations that keep the building running. We manage contracts (elevator, operations and maintenance, janitorial), provide access to building spaces, assist with tenant projects (renovating/updating tenant space, ordering signage for tenants, etc...), and coordinate any building upgrades that need to occur.

How has your education supported you in your job thus far? There is always going to be a level of on the job training you cannot get from the "classroom", but I feel that the skills and base knowledge I obtained while in the Architecture and Facility Management programs at Ferris really prepared me for my job. Reading floor plans, using gantt charts (used for project schedules), understanding the basics of HVAC systems and elevators, team work exercises, and managing a full/diverse workload are only a few examples.

How was the job search process? Due to the fact that I took full advantage of the job fairs on campus, and took an interviewing class while at Ferris, I found the job search process quite simple! I did have to have multiple interviews (some even for the same company), but I looked at each interview as a chance to practice and better my interviewing skills.

What do you see as your biggest challenge? Remembering all the acronyms used in my profession and what they stand for.

What is your favorite Ferris memory? There are so many wonderful memories from my time at Ferris (RSO activities on the quad, meeting new friends, volunteering for the admissions office, girls night out, walking down town to get ice cream after class, or just having movie/game night with friends) that I can honestly say I don't have just one favorite memory!

What do you do in your spare time? I thoroughly enjoy running and really love to travel! I've learned I can combine these and in 2014 alone I have run races in five different states: Pennsylvania, Kansas, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois.

What advice would you give to current students? Get involved with on campus activities, if you have a chance to do an internship do it, and really listen and absorb what your professors are teaching you.