PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Registration by the State of Ohio as a Professional Engineer is important for professional practice and requires four to eight years of engineering experience after graduation. The first step is applying for and passing the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination, a computer-based exam given during four two-month windows each year at testing centers around the state. Application deadlines for these examinations are several months before testing dates.

All engineering graduates are strongly encouraged to take the FE near their date of graduation and are permitted to sit for the exam during their final semester of enrollment prior to graduation. After four years of acceptable engineering experience, the State Board of Registration will permit the engineering graduate to take the Professional Engineers (PE) examination. Engineering technology graduates must pass the FE exam and need a minimum of eight years of acceptable engineering experience before taking the PE exam.

Applications should be filed to meet published deadlines of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and the State Board of Registration in Columbus. Additional information is available in the Ohio Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors at http://www.peps.ohio.gov/ or from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying at http://ncees.org.

The undergraduate engineering degree programs are intended to prepare students with no prior experience for Professional Engineer Licensure. Successful completion of the UT engineering programs satisfies the academic requirements for professional engineering credentialing set forth by the Ohio Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors of the State of Ohio. As licensure requirements may vary by state, if you intend to practice in a state outside of Ohio, contact Dr. Matthew Franchetti in the program/college to discuss eligibility for licensure in that state.