

**We asked students about their
co-op work terms and these
were their answers**

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About

Camosun College Hospitality Management Student, Maria Clara Cordeiro, applied their academic knowledge at The Oswego Hotel

Work Term

1. What was the biggest challenge you overcame?

I learned that I am more capable than I imagined. In the beginning, I wanted to give up my co-op because I had trouble understanding the guests, English is not my first language. However, I started to study and train phrases at home, writing down all the information that my colleagues gave me, and I had in my mind that I was there to learn, and day by day, I developed.

2. What was your favourite part of your job?

My favourite part was when the guests supported me, knowing I was new. And also, the most rewarding thing is when a guest recognizes your effort.

3. Are you currently a student or have you graduated? How do you think your co-op benefitted you when returning to school and/or after graduation?

I am back in school this semester, but the co-op helped me practice what I studied in school and some details make more sense since I saw them in action. Also, I feel more confident with myself now that I took a co-op.

4. Why did you decide to do a co-op?

To introduce myself to the job market and seize the opportunity to learn.

5. Do you have any advice for students looking for one?

Don't be afraid of co-ops. It is your time to challenge yourself, to make mistakes, and to learn. Don't be afraid to choose something that you think is hard. Take advantage of the opportunity. Also, look for a co-op sooner rather than later!



Co-op Position:
Guest Services Agent

Company:
The Oswego Hotel

Relevant Skills:

- Multitasking
- Interpersonal communication
- Confidence