Comparison between current Co-Op programs in Chemical Engineering at Purdue University (including eligibility criteria and program requirements)

Industry Co-Op			Extensive Industry Co-Op
3-term, same company	4-term, 2 different companies	Year-long coop (same company)	5 terms (same or different companies)
 General requirements that apply to all programs: Minimum GPA to apply and start: 2.60/4.0 (many companies have stricter requirements) Continued Good Standing status (i.e. not on academic probation) Complete CHE 20500 (C or higher) before going on second work session When on campus after a work session, attend ChE Co-Op seminar class: CHE 20100/30100/40100 (as applicable) 			
 FYE students after 1st semester Sophomores in their second semester 	 FYE students after 1st semester Sophomores in their second semester 	Sophomores in their second semesterJuniors, (and seniors)	FYE students after 1 st semester
Start as early as summer after FYE (FYE applicants) or second semester of sophomore year (sophomore applicants)	Start as early as summer after FYE (FYE applicants) or second semester of sophomore year (sophomore applicants)	Can start spring, summer or fall semester after completing CHE 20500	Start summer or fall after FYE
 Complete all sessions with same employer Alternating sessions preferred, but back-to-back sessions allowed When on campus enroll in CHE 20100/30100 ChE Co-Op seminar While at work enroll in CHE 29199/29299/39399 	 Complete 2 sessions with first employer and 2 sessions with second employer Alternating sessions preferred, but back-to-back sessions allowed When on campus enroll in CHE 20100/30100 ChE Co-Op seminar While at work enroll in CHE 29199/29299/39399/39499 If time permits, can complete additional work session for a total of 5 (extensive coop) 	 Complete all sessions with same employer as back-to-back sessions When on campus (upon completion) enroll in CHE 20100 ChE Co-Op seminar 	 Complete all sessions with same employer OR can have 2 different employers (2 sessions with second employer) Alternating sessions preferred, but back-to-back sessions allowed When on campus enroll in CHE 20100/30100/40100 ChE Co-Op seminar While at work enroll in CHE 29199/29299/39399/39499/39599
Not eligible to enroll in CHE 40100	Not eligible to enroll in CHE 40100	Not eligible to enroll in CHE 40100	Eligible to enroll in CHE 40100 after 5 th work session (3 eng. elective credits.)
Industry Co-Op Certificate	 Industry Co-Op Certificate (Only if complete 2 sessions with each employer) 	Industry Co-Op Certificate	Extensive Industry Co-Op Certificate