

# NIKOLAI MCKENZIE

## REFRACTORY CHEMICAL ENGINEER INTERN

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### STRENGTHS

- 💡 **Problem Solver**  
Demonstrated ability to identify root causes and propose effective solutions for complex challenges. Colleagues view expertise favorably.
- 👥 **Team Player**  
Experience working collaboratively with teams made achieving project milestones enjoyable, encouraging peer engagement and support.
- 🔍 **Analytical Thinker**  
Skilled in analyzing data and drawing meaningful conclusions that drive innovation and progress in engineering tasks.
- 🗨️ **Effective Communicator**  
Proficient in articulating ideas clearly and succinctly, enhancing collaboration among technical and non-technical peers.
- 📖 **Dedicated Learner**  
Passionate about continuously expanding knowledge in chemical engineering, contributing positively to personal growth and team success.

### SKILLS

Chemical Process Optimization

Data Analysis

Microsoft Office Suite

Team Collaboration

Project Management

Research Methodologies

Sustainable Practices

Experimentation Techniques

### SUMMARY

Enthusiastic Chemical Engineering student eager to contribute expertise and collaborate within a dynamic team. Adept at optimizing chemical processes and conducting thorough analyses. Hands-on experience in improving manufacturing operations, particularly in recycling tungsten materials, showcases commitment to sustainable practices. Strong communication skills facilitate effective teamwork, ensuring successful project outcomes. Ready to support ongoing improvement initiatives that center on quality and efficiency. Motivated to leverage academic knowledge while gaining valuable industry exposure during this internship at GTP Chemical Solutions.

### EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Harrisburg University 🎓 GPA: 3.5 📅 2026 📍 Harrisburg, PA

**Coursework:** Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, Materials Science, Chemical Kinetics

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Chemical Engineering Software:** Aspen Plus, MATLAB, ANSYS
- **Manufacturing Technologies:** Catalytic Processes, Polymer Chemistry, Materials Science
- **Data Analysis Tools:** Excel, R, Python
- **Laboratory Equipment:** Spectrophotometer, Titrator, Micropipette
- **Project Management Tools:** Trello, Asana, Microsoft Project
- **Recycling Techniques:** Mechanical Recycling, Thermal Recycling, Chemical Recycling
- **Safety Standards:** OSHA Regulations, Risk Assessment, Best Practices
- **Quality Management:** Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing, Statistical Process Control
- **Research Standards:** Experimental Design, Data Visualization, Laboratory Practices
- **Collaboration Platforms:** Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Slack

### EXPERIENCE

#### Chemical Engineering Intern

University Project 📅 January 2026 - Present 📍 Harrisburg, PA

Supported engineers in enhancing processes related to refractory chemicals at Harrisburg. Engaged directly in projects focused on manufacturing excellence and sustainability. Fostered collaboration across teams to achieve shared goals.

- Collaborated with engineers to improve chemical processes for enhanced manufacturing outcomes.
- Developed sustainable practices specifically aimed at recycling tungsten carbide materials.
- Conducted experiments assessing chemical process effectiveness, compiling insights for stakeholders.
- Utilized Microsoft Office Suite for generating comprehensive reports and presentations.
- Engaged in continuous learning to adapt to emerging materials and methodologies.
- Assisted senior engineers with troubleshooting to ensure adherence to safety protocols.

#### Student Research Assistant

Academic Research 📅 September 2025 - December 2025 📍 Harrisburg, PA

Participated in pioneering research examining efficiencies in chemical reactions. Assisted faculty in experimental design while fostering a culture of safety and methodical inquiry.

- Executed literature reviews alongside rigorous analysis to advance chemical reaction projects.
- Contributed to designing and executing experiments targeting specific chemical properties.

Reporting Skills Safety Protocols

Tungsten Recycling

Chemical Operations

Cross-Functional Work

Hands-On Learning

Process Improvements

Communication Skills

## LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

## MY CAREER



● Chemical Engineering Intern at University Project (6 Months)

● Student Research Assistant at Academic Research (3 Months)

● Project Developer at Capstone Project (4 Months)

- Teamed up with faculty to shape findings into actionable research publications.
- Created detailed presentations conveying research outcomes to diverse audiences.
- Implemented best practices in lab safety following guidelines developed from research results.
- Facilitated peer interactions by sharing knowledge gained throughout research initiatives.

## Project Developer

Capstone Project 📅 January 2025 - May 2025 📍 Harrisburg, PA

Led a capstone project that optimized simulated manufacturing setups while mentoring emerging peers. Contributed significantly to developing frameworks evaluating chemical effectiveness.

- Directed a team effort focused on the optimization of chemical processes within a controlled environment.
- Crafted experimental designs to evaluate various reaction efficiencies.
- Analyzed results, translating observations into strategic recommendations for future experiments.
- Drafted extensive methodology documentation supporting the project's direction and outcomes.
- Presented findings at an academic conference, earning praise from industry leaders.
- Guided other students as a mentor, enhancing their understanding of chemical engineering principles.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, Fall 2024
- Research Presentation Award, Spring 2025

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Microsoft Office Specialist Certification 📅 2025

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Chemical Engineering Society, 2024 – Present
- Volunteer, Local Environmental Clean-Up Group, 2025 – Present

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST