

Profiles of Chemical Engineers



**Tasha Lopez (Chemical Engineer)
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Job Description

Software Account Manager for IBM; responsible for working with a team of business partners and sales specialists across all brands of IBM Software to identify and close software opportunities that address the business problems facing her customers.

Education

M.S. - Chemical Engineering, University of Nevada, Reno
B.S. - Chemical Engineering, UCLA

Interview Segment

“Sometimes it's more about the teacher than the subject.

This is a great question for me, because this class in high school helped me choose my college major. I went to high school in a poor area, so our school didn't have many interesting or exciting classes -- in many cases, the only choice was between "remedial" or "regular" in a given subject. The good news is that we had some excellent teachers, because they were there for us (the students) and not because it was a nice place to work.

I was fortunate to have a great chemistry teacher; even though he was a little geeky, he really tried to make chemistry fun and interactive. As a result of the interest he took in his students, and the effort he put forth to make the subject exciting, I enjoyed the class so I studied hard and did well in it. A few years later, when I needed to choose my major, I opted for chemical engineering (because the Associate Dean of Engineering convinced me that engineering was

a good idea, and I chose Chemical Engineering due to my affinity for chemistry).”

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