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Describe your overall duties/ responsibilities as a Sr IT Manager -Data Governance:

My role is to ensure that data being brought in to or used from the P&G Core Data Lake is governed appropriately. This is critical for enabling data driven projects across the business, while still taking the appropriate steps to protect data assets and reduce risk. I am energized by working across a range of teams within P&G, and this role enables me to gain exposure to many different functions across the company.

Explain the skills/abilities that are required for being successful in your role:

In many data focused roles today, having an understanding of cloud architecture is key. While I'm not hands on with coding or operations, understanding the fundamentals of a cloud-based Data Lake environment helps me communicate more effectively with technical and non-technical teams. Earning certifications in specific technologies or methodologies are an important way to demonstrate this knowledge, as well as show a willingness to continuously learn.

What advice would you give to students who are considering majoring in Computer Science & Engineering?

Computer Science & Engineering is such a versatile degree that has opportunities in almost any industry. Internships are an important tool in helping you find the type of company and role that matches your personal interests and goals. You don't need an existing background in programming to start – just a willingness to tackle challenges and passion for technology!