

# Graduate Profile – Elizabeth Laria



**Stream: Logistics**

**Program Intake: 2009**

**Degree: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Statistics**

**Position Prior to Graduate Role: Project Administrator - Logistics Program Office.**

**1. What would be your key achievement to date / proudest moment on the program?**

My key achievement would have to be how much I have gained confidence doing presentations and public speaking. I have been fortunate enough to have presented in front of many senior managers who have given me some great feedback on how I could improve my presentation skills.

**2. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? How do you believe this program is preparing you for this?**

In 5 years I see myself being able to do the best job possible within Logistics at Woolworths. The program is providing me with so much knowledge over all facets of Logistics that no matter what role I am in I know I will be able to do the best job possible.

**3. Who are some of the key people you have had exposure to / worked with?**

I have had exposure to 4 areas of Logistics so far as part of the Graduate Program so I have worked with many teams. Some of the key people I have had the privilege to work with include the Head of Replenishment - Food & Liquor and his management team including the Senior DC Replenishment Manager - Liquor/GM/Tabacco & Indent and the Senior DC Replenishment Manager - Chilled and Frozen. I have learnt so much from them during my three month rotations and they were always willing to provide me with help and feedback. I also got the chance to work with the management teams at Sydney RDC and Sydney LDC who were fantastic and taught me a lot.

**4. How would you describe the culture and working environment within your area of work?**

The culture varies depending on what area in logistics you go to. The culture and environment in a warehouse is very different to the corporate offices but they all work together well. All teams strive for the same outcome and you can see the loyalty and commitment to Woolworths in each area.

**5. Do you have a mentor / coach? How have they supported you through the program so far?**

I have a mentor that I meet with once every couple of weeks. I had worked with him before I began the Graduate program and I knew I could always ask him for advice and support.

**6. Describe what the program has looked like so far.**

The program is fundamentally underpinned by rotations within Logistics (3 month each in duration). I have worked in Sydney RDC Minchinbury, Primary and Secondary Transport and NDC Linehaul, DC Replenishment and Sydney Liquor DC Erskine Park. During the DC rotations we focused on operations and understanding how the DC worked. At both DC's (Sydney RDC Minchinbury and Sydney Liquor DC Erskine Park) we were required to provide management with a presentation on an area we could improve within the DC. In DC Replenishment we were given a question and then were asked to present our findings in front of the Replenishment Management Team.

**7. What advice would you give others considering applying for the program? Who would you recommend the program to?**

Make sure you give the interview process all you have and remember to be yourself. To be successful in getting into the graduate program is not to know everything about the division. If you have the willingness to learn and the passion to achieve then you are the perfect candidate.

I would highly recommend the program to anyone just out of University who want to fast track their career at Woolworths Limited and in retail.