Samantha Meyerholz is a strong example of the quality of minds in the first cohort of the Executive Master of Science in Health Systems – Manhattan program. Setting her apart from a portion of her peers, she also has present real-world experience in an engineering role within the field of healthcare.

Samantha is presently a Management Engineer for Mount Sinai Hospital. When asked what caused her to pursue additional education in a field in which she is already experiencing success, she is characteristically thoughtful and direct in her response.

“I’m very close with a lot of engineering graduates,” says Samantha. “Those that had graduate degrees received much higher salaries overall.”

As Samantha also noted in our conversation, engineering comprises an extremely marketable skill set that is transferrable to literally all industries. When she learned that there were graduate classes conveniently located to her in Manhattan that would enable her to continue her education in her field of specialty without leaving her full-time job, it was something of a foregone conclusion that she would attend to advance her degree.

“Class once per week is great,” says Samantha. “It’s really hard to take the subway and sit through class after a full day.”

Samantha is not alone in her sentiments as many students in her class also work full-time, but her ability to crystalize this statement into no-nonsense terms is refreshing, and often helpful to other would-be students of future cohorts.

Whatever her future path may become in light of the opportunities she is discovering now, Samantha is committed to remaining in a quality assurance or process improvement role, and will soon have the credentials to command attention in keeping with her talents.