Want to solve some of the world’s biggest problems: energy supply, infrastructure repair, and healthcare delivery? If you said yes, an engineering career is for you!

Choosing the field of Engineering can be one of the best lifetime decisions a student will ever make. The number of engineering jobs in Maine has grown 25% in the last decade and the demand for engineering graduates is high, with over 1,400 job postings in Maine last year. The majority of engineering seniors receive job offers well before graduation, with an average annual starting salary of more than $60,000.

Now, with a new 1 + 3 program, starting an engineering degree just got a little easier.

Students can start their first year of study towards an engineering degree closer to home at one of the participating University of Maine System campuses: University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Maine at Machias, the University of Maine at Farmington, and the University of Maine at Augusta.

The 1+3 program will graduate academically prepared students in 4 years. This new option is in addition to the traditional four-year engineering degrees at the University of Maine and University of Southern Maine.

In this new program, students get right into the field of engineering with an introductory course to explore engineering as a career. In addition, students will build their expertise in foundational mathematics and science courses.

After successfully completing roughly 35 credits, students will be able to transfer and finish their engineering degree at the University of Maine or the University of Southern Maine.