

Stage: Research

CONTACTING PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FIRST TIME

This past week, I learned how to cold call and contact professionals to request informational interviews. I contacted three professionals, which was really nerve-wracking. Calling my first professional was very scary and made me really nervous, but I did good and it was successful. I grew in my confidence in contacting professionals and interacting with new people in general, especially adults. Additionally, I finally broke the wall and entering the professional world of interventional radiology. I am growing in my professional skills and dealing with people.

I got one reply from the UT Southwestern Director of Interventional Radiology. She was very nice and was open to being interviewed and referring me to other interventional radiologists to potentially talk to. I learned how to successfully email a professional to get a reply back and to successfully attain an opportunity. I also learned how to schedule an interview and coordinate a schedule with a professional.

This week, I was successful in time management once again and was able to complete all assignments on time. I was also able to successfully contact professionals. The goal for next week is to complete all assignments and contact more professionals to get more replies for informational interview requests. Future research for next week will focus more on operating room procedures for more ideas for my original work project.