

Stage: Research

## DEEPER RESEARCH AND INTERVIEW PREPARATION

This past week, I spent lots of time preparing for my informational interview on Monday 10/26 (I will discuss this in my next weekly report). I am getting a lot better at coming up with questions and practicing what to say. I would say that my questions are really detailed and will give the professional opportunities to talk a lot. I am wondering how to show that I am focused on a phone call interview, because I usually nod when I am talking to someone in person, but I am not sure how to show engagement over the phone. Also, I faced challenges of trying not to make questions too similar or too long and to make them more open-ended to get lots of information. Overall, I am pretty nervous for the interview, but I believe I will do well

Also, I completed a research assessment where I dove really deep into a certain interventional oncology procedure. It was a study where they investigated the effectiveness of many treatment options for that disease. I came across some issues understanding the content, such as terminology and certain procedures, but I was able to figure it out. I am also becoming extremely excited to be studying in this profession, reading about the current trends in the field. They are all positive.

I would say that I was very efficient with my time this week and am improving a lot. I am proud of my problem-solving skills that I exercised this week and I have more confidence in my critical thinking as a result. Overall, this was a successful week.