

**Preparation****Weekly Report 11****10/29 - 11/4**

This past week has been very fulfilling for me because it has offered me the opportunity to reflect on everything that has encountered me throughout my research into management consulting.

My research began by answering my essential question that plagued me prior: how do I become a consultant? Next, my research progressed into a more individualized approach to learning about consulting, such as researching the possible paths available to pursue in management consulting. This led to me analyzing my true strengths and interests which resulted in Finance Strategy/Operations becoming my specialization in consulting. Next, my research was based intensively on learning more about Finance consulting and what the forecast for this career field would look like in the future, which eventually led to my interest in researching how to reach my final goal of becoming a partner for a consulting firm. Around this time, I was fortunate enough to be able to schedule an interview with a senior consultant from Alvarez and Marsal Consulting, a bankruptcy/turnaround reconstruction firm, which allowed me to gain new opinions, insight, and experience from a professional in the consulting field who was able to answer my questions and explain them in a very thorough, informative way. After that, I researched into the various domains that could be pursued in the consulting field and learned that I didn't have a specific domain that interested me yet, but healthcare and energy are domains that are growing very rapidly and could be a possible option. Finally, I was able to get a second interview with a senior consultant who worked at a small consulting firm and was very willing to offer insight through the lens of a small firm, which was very enlightening because I was previously only looking through the viewpoint of an employee at a large firm which, it turns out, has many different responsibilities than a consultant at a small firm.

In total, this past week allowed me to holistically see my progress this year in the growth of my knowledge of the consulting field and also lay out a possible foundation for what to research next.