

Branching Out

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This previous week, through continued research, the discovery of various paths in the field of management consulting has expanded my outlook of this career field.

Previously, my perception of management consulting was that in order to become a consultant you must be involved strictly in finance, business or information technology, whereas in truth, there are many different paths that are available to pursue in the consulting field.

Instead of being restricted to only the aforementioned fields, a management consultant can be involved in a wide range of subjects including fields that pique my interest, such as strategy consulting, environmental consulting, and operations consulting. An operations consultant is tasked mainly with outsourcing, process management, supply chain management, and gaining assets. Environmental consulting is a field that is growing rapidly due to increased environmental safety measures, and also because of many companies investing in a green initiative. Strategy consultants are entrusted with creating a long term vision, purchasing new assets or discontinuing certain aspects of a company, and deciding where and when to distribute resources. These decisions are very integral to the future success of a company and can result in severe ramification if the job is not taken seriously. These three paths of consulting are very intriguing to me because they pique my interests, and they are all feasible careers in my future.

During this past week my goal of finding professionals in the management consulting field, near Dallas, that could possibly become a mentor for me, was successful.

Through LinkedIn and other resources, I was able to find the contact information of five professionals worked for a variety of consulting firms in Dallas, including Boston Consulting Group, Credera, and Everest Group. In this coming week my goal is to make contact with these professionals and hopefully finalize an interview.