I was only able to schedule an interview on December 2, 2022 at 11 AM. During the interview I presented as though I was applying to an internship working with the Department of Transportation in Minnesota. We introduced ourselves and I gave the interviewers time to read my cover letter and the job description. After that we talked about how it went and I was shown ways to improve my cover letter and resume. Overall, it went well and I will likely utilize the career center again before I interview for graduate schools.

My answer to the question simply asking to describe myself was not ideal. I was given a sheet of practice questions after the interview which helped. I was told that I should be prepared ask questions to the interviewers when applying to a real job. I learned that HR would most likely be interviewing me for the process and I shouldn’t dumb down technical jargon knowing this information.

I was advised to rearrange the structure of my cover letter. I put the most important information last and wrote as though the readers would have time to read and ponder what I had wrote, likewise with my resume. I was told that I should probably structure my resume such that the skills I would like to highlight are placed in the relevant experiences section essentially bullet pointed.

Since I have had a few interviews both in person and over video conference, I was less nervous than usual. It was much easier to talk about the things I wanted to and I was more familiar with the types of questions that would be asked. It’s good to stay sharp on interview skills and I think this was a great refresher for the upcoming interviews I have for summer jobs and internships.