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Video 1 – Resumes, References, & Cover Letters

I learned a lot from this video. The most important things I learned from this video are not the things I thought I would take away. I learned much about Career Services. I didn’t even know they existed on campus. They do many things that would benefit me very much in my current position. I didn’t know that they helped students to find jobs as much as they do. I am looking forward to getting help from them.

One thing that struck my is the references section. The video says that a person should have 3-5 references from different perspectives if possible. I had never thought to have different perspectives from my references. Luckily, in my draft resume all my references ended up being from different perspectives. Another thing I need to work on is my cover letter. The assignment that we did this week helped me learn more about letters to employers, but I think I need to sit down and make a very appealing cover letter. I think it is interesting that the cover letters should change completely from job to job. I have never used a cover letter, but after watching this video I am going to use one for sure.

Video 2- Interviewing Preparation

One thing I caught in this video that I missed in the first is Career Café. On Wednesdays from 11-1 they provide free food and free career advice. Personally, this could really benefit me. I am currently looking for an internship. I have been struggling to find places around Ogden/Layton area that are hiring electrical/computer engineering interns.

The interviewing quiz that the video went over was very helpful. I always thought that wearing cologne was a good thing to wear during an interview. The video makes good points about why a person should not wear any. I also liked when the video said to treat an interview like a professional conversation. I feel like when I go to interviews I am very uptight and I don’t speak very fluently. I am going to imply this characteristic to myself to be more comfortable in interviews.

I have never done a mock interview before, but this video makes me want to start doing them. When I was a solar contractor we always did mock sales pitches and it helped me immensely. Doing a mock interview only makes sense and I need to start doing it before every interview.