

## SPENCER'S STORY



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### GETTING STARTED

**GC: How hard was it to get in? How did you prep for you application and interview?**

S: It was not difficult to get in. I think that Grand Circus does a great job with selecting candidates that will be successful. I pursued some online learning activities before the interview and made sure that I was confident in the reasons why I wanted to partake in the bootcamp.

**GC: What was a life or lifestyle change you had to make in order to meet the bootcamp commitment?**

S: I had to transition away from my previous occupation and commit to eight weeks of not having a steady income with the belief that my training would lead to a rewarding career.

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### CAREER CHANGE



**GC: The job search thing – does that really work? Why or how did it work for you?**

S: I think I prepared well to be an attractive candidate and I was blessed to have good connections that ultimately led to getting my position. I applied to a small number of jobs and focused on pursuing opportunities that I was passionate about.

**GC: Why do you think your employer hired you?**

S: I believe I was a qualified candidate and I was eager to learn as much as possible. I went into my interview with positivity and I focused on being honest and growth oriented.

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### LEARNING EXPERIENCE



**GC: What was learning in a bootcamp like?**

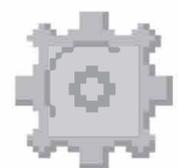
S: It was a wonderful experience. It was good to be focused intensely on the process of learning. I enjoyed collaborating with peers and having access to a great number of resources.

**GC: How was the learning process managed? Was there time to ask your questions? Did you get enough one-on-one time? Did you feel like you were being invested in as a student? Were your teachers helpful and effective?**

S: I thought that the learning process was wonderful. There was an immense amount of support while being challenged to create real world projects and demonstrate mastery of the content. I felt personally supported throughout the entire bootcamp. One of the most attractive things about the program was having prior professionals and practitioners provide instruction and guidance in this field. I quickly developed relationships with the instructors that went beyond the material. The bootcamp helped me to learn the importance of patience in my work and how to be the professional that I have always wanted to be. Walking away from the program, I feel humbled by the vastness of the field I have entered and excited to pursue the visions I have in mind for the future.

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### BOOTCAMP TAKEAWAYS



**GC: Why did you end up feeling that the bootcamp was worth it?**

S: I felt it was worth it because I successfully transitioned into a career in the field and I am able to apply the fundamentals that I learned into my work every single day.