DRESSING FOR SUCCESS

Appropriate Attire for Interviewing

Before you interview, consider the nature of the position, culture, industry, and location. Keep in mind that the interview is a business meeting. You need to present yourself as a professional; therefore, professional dress is recommended. You can always dress to fit the organization after you have been hired!

Traditional Business: Women

Do Wear

Suit that fits appropriately
Conservative or muted colors
Knee length or slightly longer hem
Simple styles
Simple jewelry
Suitable makeup, light or no perfume
Neutral-colored nylons
Polished, closed toed, low-heel shoes
Clean, manicured nails

Traditional Business: Men

Do Wear

Conservative two-piece dark business suit
Long-sleeved shirt, white or pastel
Conservative tie
Belt of suspenders that match your shoes
Dark-colored socks
Clean, polished shoes

Business Casual: Women

Do Wear

Coordinated jacket with skirt/tailored slacks
Blouse, shell, or sweater
Polished, closed toed, low-heel shoes

Business Casual: Men

Do Wear

Dress or khaki-type pants
Collared shirt
Sport jacket
Clean, polished shoes

Don’t Wear

Whether you are dressing in a traditional business or business casual mode, avoid the following: Jeans, tennis shoes, t-shirts, sweatshirts, evening wear, miniskirts, trendy attire, tight clothing, high-heel shoes, backpacks, bulky purses, and heavy scents (aftershave, perfume, strong foods) and the like.