Interview Dress for Success

For more detailed interviewing information, read our packet: You Got the Interview! Now What?

Appearance & Accessories

Scent
Use antiperspirant, no perfume/cologne (or very little), consider the scent of hair products

Jewelry
Conservative in style - not flashy, limit to one ring per hand, dress watch or bracelet, one necklace, one small pair of earrings

Hair
Good haircut, well-groomed, not in your face, no funky colors

Facial Hair
None is preferred, but at least be neatly trimmed

Nails
Clean, no hangnails, no polish or unchipped clear or light pink polish

Briefcase
Not necessary, but you may want a padded folder for resumes/note-taking

Make-Up
Minimal, natural looking- avoid red or super-glossy lipstick and thick, dark eyeliner or eye shadow

Purse
If you bring one, it should be small, match your suit or shoes, or be a neutral color. Consider not carrying a purse and carrying a wallet or personals in your folder

Clothing

Suit
Well-fitted two-piece matching suit (pants or skirt just below the knee, or dress with matching jacket), conservative color (brown, navy, gray, or black)

Shirt
Blouse or collared long-sleeved dress shirt, conservative color but not necessarily white

Tie
Silk or silk-like, with an understated pattern

Scarf
Not necessary, but can add a polished look. No sequins

Belt
Matching either your suit or your shoes

Socks/Hose
Dark, mid-calf or non-pattern panty hose (a must for skirts or dresses). No runs

Shoes
Polished dress shoes, black or brown. No sandals, sneakers, hiking boots, stilettos, or backless shoes or shoes with open toe

Tips
- Empty Pockets - no bulging wallet, cell phone or jangling coins
- Turn cell phone off or better yet, leave your phone in the car
- No gum, candy, cigarettes
- No visible body piercing or tattoos
- If you need a coat: use a dress coat. No ski/puffy jackets, team sports jackets, varsity jackets, windbreakers