

Interview Dress for Success

Appearance & Accessories

Scent	Use antiperspirant, very little to no perfume/cologne, consider the scent of hair products
Jewelry	Conservative in style - not flashy or overly-large, minimal number of jewelry items worn, one necklace, one small pair of post or closed-hoop earrings
Hair	Clean and well-groomed, not in your face, no funky colors
Facial Hair	Clean and neatly trimmed
Nails	Clean, 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 bright 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). Be sure to cut the vent and flap strings and remove the tag from the sleeve.
Shirt	Blouse or collared long-sleeved dress shirt, solid color but not necessarily white
Tie	Solid or understated pattern that complements the shirt
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

- Need something to wear? Check out the Career Closet at the ELCDC
- The industry you're interviewing with may impact what is considered acceptable for an interview
- Make sure all clothing is free of stains and wrinkles
- Empty pockets - no bulging wallet or jangling coins. Leave your cell phone in the car
- 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