

**Dress for Success Basics: Your Interviewing BEST**  
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**1) Invest in a quality suit before you need it!**

Try to avoid wearing brand-new or never worn clothing. You will perform better if you are professionally AND comfortably dressed.

**2) Wear sensible heels.**

The workplace may not be the place for your stilettos. Particularly for interviews, wear closed-toe shoes and avoid strappy shoes and mules.

**3) Create and develop a daytime makeup look.**

Your local department store can help you. Visit the beauty counter of your choice and specifically ask for help creating a daytime look. A daytime look should focus on soft colors and make you appear polished and well put-together.

As the makeup consultant helps you, take notes about what types of products and colors are used. If your budget is limited, try to purchase at least one item (Consider purchasing your foundation if you really like it because color matching can be challenging). From this point, visit your local drug store to search for similar products and colors in less expensive brands.

**4) Invest in a quality portfolio to carry your resume and other credentials.**

Your portfolio doesn't have to be expensive. Office supply stores like Staples carry a wide selection of inexpensive ones that will do the job.

**5) The details of personal grooming are important.**

Get your eyebrows waxed at your neighborhood salon or learn how to shape them yourself. The eyebrows help frame the face and make you look crisp. If you fill in your eyebrows, be sure to keep the look soft which is best for daytime. Also, do not forget about your nails. Be sure your nails are neatly filed, polished in a neutral color, and not extremely long,.

**6) Carry an extra pair of pantyhose with you!**

There is nothing like a tear in your stocking to ruin your confidence.

**7) Invest in an attractive bag...**

...And if you wear sneakers while commuting, invest in two bags or one a slightly oversized one! Your bag should close at the top: your prospective employer does not need to know you changed shoes in the bathroom. If you decide to carry a shoe bag and a separate bag for everything else, the bags should not be huge. Therefore, only carry what you need so that you appear organized and focused.

**8) Wear minimal jewelry, and make sure it is discreet.**

Try to wear small hoops or stud earrings, only one ring per hand, and only one necklace. It may also be a good idea to remove ankle bracelets.

**9) Cover your tattoos.**

If you have tattoos that cannot be concealed by clothing, consider covering them with a product like Dermablend ([www.dermablend.com](http://www.dermablend.com)). This solution works best for parts of the body that will not constantly rub clothing. If your tattoo is on your neck, consider wearing a blouse with a collar. Wear long sleeves if your tattoo is on your arm. Finally, find out what the organization expects in terms of the dress code and tattoo so that you can adjust and fit in if you get the job!