

Professional Attire

Suit

Solid color suit (black, navy, dark grey) with coordinated pants or skirt

Shirt/Blouse

Coordinated shirt or blouse, neutral colors, keep it modest

Shoes

Neutral color, closed-toe, can be flats or heels, match belt if worn



Accessories

Neck tie (no bright colors or loud patterns), socks (match suit), pantyhose, jewelry (limited, simple), portfolio/briefcase, watch

Grooming

Avoid heavy perfume/cologne, neat/professional hairstyle, neatly trimmed nails, no brightly colored/distracting nails, simple/conservative makeup

What Not to Bring to the Interview/Career Fair:

- Lint
- Gum
- Cell phone
- Coffee/soda
- Minimize visible piercings and tattoos (earrings only is a good rule)
- Poor posture – stand and sit up straight!

Interview/Career Fair Attire Tips

- Before the interview/career fair, make sure you have appropriate professional attire and everything fits correctly
- DO NOT SMOKE before an interview/career fair
- Get your clothes ready the night before
- If your clothes are dry clean only, take them to the cleaners after an interview/career fair to make sure they are ready for the next time
- Polish your shoes
- Bring a breath mint and use it before you enter the building

Tips on Buying Professional Clothing

Professional clothing can be a costly investment, but there are many stores in the Louisville area that have good, quality professional attire for less!

- **Department Stores:** Kohl's, JCPenney
- **Discount Stores:** Ross, TJMaxx, Marshalls
- **Staples:** Old Navy, Target
- The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass, Simpsonville
- Even thrift stores!

Don't wait to buy everything at once! Buy things as they go on sale and are in season. Start out with staple pieces (button down shirts, blouses, dress shoes, ties) and then save up to buy the big pieces.