



RUTGERS-CAMDEN Career Advancement Center

INTERVIEW ATTIRE

OVERALL GUIDING PRINCIPLES

When dressing for an interview, the most important consideration is to research the company culture and dress one level more formally than their daily attire to show respect and professionalism. Opt for conservative, well-fitting, and ironed clothing in neutral colors (navy, gray, black), ensuring you are comfortable, clean, and groomed.

BUSINESS CASUAL

- Black or navy dress pants
- Black or navy dress knee-length dress or pencil skirt
- Button-down shirt or blouse
- Cardigan or jacket (blazer is optional)
- Flats, heels, oxfords or loafers
- Belts and ties are optional
- Jewelry that complements the outfit but isn't too bold



BUSINESS FORMAL

- A dark-colored suit
- A tailored dress with a matching jacket
- A knee-length skirt with a matching jacket
- Suit pants, button-down shirt or blouse and jacket
- A tie
- Closed-toed shoes, flats or heels, oxfords
- Classic jewelry that complements the outfit but isn't bold



Be Prepared!

Allow yourself enough time to get dressed before your interview. As part of this preparation, research how long it will take to get to the interview location and allow yourself extra time in case of traffic.

Research the employer's tattoo policy

Many employers consider it acceptable to display tattoos in the workplace. However, depending on the industry, you may want to research if tattoos are acceptable.

Avoid strong cologne or perfume

If you wear perfume or cologne be mindful of how much you put on so as not to have too overpowering of a scent. Too strong of a cologne or perfume can distract the hiring manager, and some people may have allergies to perfume or cologne.