

GET THE JOB

Nail the Interview

After you have qualified with your résumé, it's time to qualify with your social skills and interview. Here are some tips to help you nail the interview and get the job.

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH

One of the best ways to prepare and ensure you nail the interview is by researching the job or people you are applying to work for. Researching not only helps you feel more confident going into the interview but it also helps you learn about the company and lets you see if you fit in.

Studying the job description, your résumé and the company is key to answer questions confidently and without stumbling over your words.

You don't have to know everything little thing about the company or it's people, but knowing some information shows interviewers and recruiters you are invested in their company and not only need a job but want to grow with the company as well.



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BODY LANGUAGE

During an interview, recruiters and interviewers are watching your every move and listening to each word you say to know how you react or answer certain questions. Body language is big way to see how confident someone is about the job or questions interviewers ask. You should be aware of the

way you physically look answering questions. You want to project positive energy during an interview, you can do this by sitting up straight, looking at people in the eyes when you talk and look as attentive as you can be.

Interviewers not only want a qualified candidate but they also want one that is easy to

be around and can be positive. After all, you'll be spending at least eight hours of day with that person.

NO SECOND CHANCE AT A FIRST IMPRESSION

The first impression is super important in the hiring process and when you are applying for jobs you'll have a couple of first impressions.

The first is when recruiters see your résumé. They see you for who you are on a piece of paper. The second Impression comes when you walk through the door to your interview. You want to make sure you keep a good impression by being clean, looking sharp and emitting positive body language.

SELL YOURSELF

During an interview you are actively trying to show recruiters why you are the best candidate for their company and why you should be hired. You are not that different from the car salesman at your local dealer. You are selling yourself above your competition and you need to be prepared to do so.

An elevator pitch is a story you can tell recruiters that shows your character or personality. It's a part of the interview process you can personally control and take advantage of.

Use a story or instance you demonstrated a good quality such as passion for the job assignment or for your workplace of the time. You can also use a story or instance you learned something or a time you were inspired to create or achieve.

Use the stories to your benefit and don't sell yourself short.