

Each semester Career Services provides Mock Interview Days. The interviews are conducted by some of the same employers that recruit on the OSU campus. These interview opportunities are designed to simulate job interviews and to prepare you to meet and exceed your interview expectations and job search goals. Mock Interviews teach students how to market their skills and qualifications as well as receive ideas on how to improve their interviewing skills.

The Purpose of Mock Interview is to...

- Identify the most difficult questions you can anticipate being asked and develop appropriate responses
- Decide what qualifications and information you want to convey to a prospective employer to influence the selection process
- Obtain feedback concerning the impression you project to prospective employers

Scheduling a Mock Interview:

- Sign up for a mock interview through your HIRE System account
- Be sure to check the dates for mock interviewing early in the semester
- Your college career consultant also offers individual mock interviewing services

Preparing for a Mock Interview:

- Find an appropriate suit and shoes to wear, as well as professional hair styles and makeup
- Review the List of Interview Questions Ready Reference and write out responses to those questions that you find difficult
- Make a list of reasons why you are an ideal candidate for the position
- Describe any other aspects of your interview performance about which you would like to receive feedback
- Write out 3 questions to ask the employer that would assist you in making a career decision

The Interview:

- Wear a professional suit with a neutral shirt and a jacket, style your hair professionally and avoid wearing any makeup or jewelry that is unprofessional
- Bring a portfolio with you that includes the questions for the employer that you wrote
- Remember to be confident
- During the first 20 minutes, the interviewer will conduct a standard interview
- During the last 10 minutes, the interviewer will provide feedback about the interview