Are You Dressed for Success?

The UNR College of Education Career Fair is a great opportunity for you to meet recruiters and learn more about what they have to offer. You might even land an interview that day!

The COE Career Fair will be busy, crowded and full of energy with networking opportunities galore. Your task will be to make a good first impression!

Come dressed in ‘business professional’ or ‘business casual’ attire. Here are a few tips to help you dress for success…

EVERYONE SHOULD
• consider this like an interview and error on the side of over-dressing
• appear clean, well-groomed hair with current style
• have manicured nails and ironed/pressed clothes
• wear polished shoes that coordinate with your attire
• wear long socks or hosiery so skin doesn’t show when crossing legs
• wear a conservative watch and jewelry
• consider conservative colors: tan, taupe or dark gray, blue or green

AVOID
• too much make-up or intense shades
• over-sized jewelry, sun glasses, bulky items like backpacks or large purses
• heavily scented cologne, perfume, after shave, deodorant
• excessively long fingernails, nail artwork, brightly colored nail polish
• flashy patterns or brightly colored clothing, including ties
• tight, revealing, poorly fitting, worn, frayed, soiled or wrinkled clothing
• visible tattoos, body piercings, or other body art such as such as brands, scarification, tongue, splitting, sub-dermal implantations or ear plugs

IMAGE IS MORE THAN CLOTHING...
Here are just a few other things to consider when creating your professional image:
• Bring something compact to take notes
• Bring several copies of your resume
• Keep one hand free for shaking hands, practice shaking hands before the fair, dry your palms if they are sweaty
• Prepare and practice an elevator speech about yourself
• Develop questions to ask employers
• Project confidence in all your actions
• Oh and did we mention eye contact…

Visit the UNR College of Education Career Services Website and check out our other resources and online job board:
http://www.unr.edu/education/internships-and-careers/career