

It's hard enough knowing that there are hundreds of other applicants wanting the same job you're applying for, and on top of that, you are nervous. How exactly do you project enough confidence during the interview to show your prospective employer that you are the right one for the job and you are confident about it? Firstly, it's easy to sink into the thought process of: "They'll give the job to someone better suited," or "Why would they choose me over, Mr. Perfect?" Do not despair! It is easier than you think!

Be Yourself!

Employers will notice if you are too rigid or if you are being yourself. Act as you would in everyday situations; just project yourself in a respectable manner towards your interviewer. Be confident in knowing that you are who you are. If you smile a lot in everyday situations, then smile a lot during the interview. Show them who they will be dealing with on a daily basis if you are hired. Always be yourself.

Talk Clearly

When people learn to speak before an audience, they are counseled on avoiding the use of conversation pollutants such as "umm, uh, like, as if (repeatedly), you know and right (repeatedly). If you avoid using these "pollutants" your speech will be fluent and will project the proper confidence needed.

Make proper and firm eye contact

This is one of the BEST ways to project confidence from within. Making eye contact is an age old signal that one is confident and resolute. Making firm eye contact with your employer will show them that you are confident enough to look them in the eyes. Some employers will even use firm eye contact as an intimidation method. Combat this by maintaining eye contact and offering them proper associative gestures.

Ask Questions

Asking questions will show your employer that you are truly interested in the job. Prepare beforehand, a short list of (3 or 4) intelligent questions for your employer. Perhaps, ask about the history of the company or about how well it does in regards to customer and client satisfaction. Ask questions that the interviewer will have to answer personally. For instance: "What do you like most about your current position in the company?" It will show that you are interested and enthusiastic about the job. It is noteworthy to mention to avoid asking questions about sensitive things like money and sick time.

Projecting confidence during an interview is possible if you have confidence within yourself to succeed at the interview. You must believe that you will do an excellent job and will do wonders for the company. Your interviewer will see this outward display in the way you carry yourself and speak. Do not doubt that you can successfully display confidence. Believe in yourself and they will believe in you too.