

Interview and Resume Tips: Careers in TV

The television industry is one type of job that falls under the category of media employment. It can be fun and exciting, but also full of deadlines and heavy work loads. Here I will highlight some interview and resume tips for those wishing to enter into this demanding, but entertaining and rewarding field.

The television industry resume:

- 1. One thing to remember when creating a resume for television jobs is to include any and all relevant experience on you resume. Experience counts for a lot in TV.
- 2. Be sure to include educational television experience. Academic experience counts just as much as real world experience, although some beg to differ. I think a combination of both academic and real world experience is the best way to be marketable to employees.
- 3. Cover letters. Highlighting your experience and knowledge is a good way to show off your experience. Subtle name dropping is ok in a cover letter if you do it tastefully and with class. If it helps you get the job go for it. Be bold.

Interviewing for television jobs:

- 1. When interviewing for **TV jobs** it is important to have a list of references with you as you may need to provide those references on an applications and interviews. Write these names and numbers down or type a list of your references so you will have them handy.
- 2. Tour. Ask for a tour of the television studio or newsroom you might be working in. Most often potential employees will be happy to give you a tour if time allows.
- 3. Resumes. Bring multiple copies of your resume with you to the interview. If you can afford it, copy your resumes on good qualify paper and choose a color if you like. In creative industries, colors often stand out and get the attention you need to get the job.
- 4. Nerves. Keep nerves in check and try to take a deep breath before your interview. Almost every job interview is potentially nerve rattling, but interviews are generally over before you know it.
- 5. Reels. Don't forget a reel of your clips if you have television work to show in the interview. Certain TV jobs are talent based and the bosses will want to see what you can do. Reels can be dubbed on VHS tapes or on a CD. Recording your portfolio on a CD is more commonplace than a

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VHS tape in today's world.

Working in television can be one of the best jobs you will ever have. If you get the chance to work at a TV station it will be an experience you will never forget. It will also give you a chance to see if you like the industry. Continuing in a career you do not like can be hard so knowing if that chosen career path is for you is important and necessary in the career making process. To find more information on careers in TV and the best career advice on the web go to www.hound.com.

See the following articles for more information:

- 21 Major Interview Mistakes to Avoid at All Costs
- The Best Way to Prepare for a Job Search and Interviews
- How to Talk About Other Interviews in Your Interviews
- How to Answer the Tell Me About Yourself Interview Question
- How to Answer the Do You Have Any Questions for Me Interview Question

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