

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE JOB INTERVIEW

## THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE JOB INTERVIEW ARE TO:

- Supplement résumé information
- Show that you understand your strengths and weaknesses and have a sense of direction
- ➤ Enable the employer to evaluate your personality and attitude in terms of the demands of the organization and the position
- Give you and the employer an opportunity to discuss the desirability of further contact or an offer of employment

## TIPS TO HELP YOU GET READY FOR YOUR JOB INTERVIEWS:

- **1. Find out** about the company/organization, i.e.:
  - ✓ Who works there?
  - ✓ Do you have any personal contacts?
  - ✓ Get brochures about their products and/or services
  - ✓ Get a job description

A commonly asked interview question is: "What do you know about our company?" If you are unable to answer this question effectively, employers will see this as a sign of disinterest.

- 2. Memorize five things that you definitely want the interviewer to know about you.
  - ✓ Why is this important to you?
  - ✓ Can you think of an example or story that would bring it to life for the employer?
- **3.** Work history: Be ready to talk about the past 10 years or the last 3 jobs you held.
  - ✓ Your main responsibilities
  - ✓ Your likes and dislikes
  - ✓ Your reason(s) for leaving
  - ✓ Your supervisor's opinion of you
- **4.** Think about the position you are being interviewed for. What are the **5 main areas** you think the employer will want to explore? **Plan your answer and think of examples.**

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Research indicates that, on average, an interviewer decides to hire in just 5½ minutes\*\*\*