

Fair a 'one-stop' employment shop

■ This year's Career Connections 2000 gives UNL students and graduates the chance to vie for jobs.

BY LISA BEHRNS

Have a job, want a career? Career Connections 2000, a combined career and graduate/professional school fair sponsored by the College Placement Association of Nebraska, is open to students and alumni across Nebraska.

The fair takes place Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium, 226 Centennial

Mall.

Representatives from 160 employers and 80 graduate/professional schools will be present.

Career Connections Coordinator Christina Fielder said the goal of the fair is to meet both student and employer needs by creating an opportunity for the two groups to meet and network.

"We are working to find a one-stop shop for employers and really benefit the students," Fielder said.

The fair gives students the chance to make contacts, explore career options and practice networking skills, Fielder said.

"This is a good opportunity for all students whether they're ready for a job or not," Fielder said.

A student should attend their first career fair to network and observe so they know what to expect when it's for real, she said.

Sophomores may be attending to learn about internships while upperclassmen may be looking at graduate schools, careers or other opportunities, Fielder said.

A student can expect to gain valuable contacts that lead to future interviews and possible jobs.

But, there is more to a career fair than just showing

up.

Fielder suggests bringing several resumés complete with references and dressing to impress.

While a power suit may not be necessary, "anything from business casual on up is appropriate depending on the impression you want to make," Fielder said.

Free shuttle busses will be running from the State Fair parking lot, near the Bob Devaney Sports Center and the R Street entrance of the Nebraska Union to Pershing Auditorium.

A free continental breakfast will be available to students arriving between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Oct. 10.

Career Connections Schedule of Events

Tuesday, Oct. 10th	
7:15-10:30 a.m.	Shuttle busses available from parking site
7:30-10 a.m.	Check-in and set-up for recruiters
7:30-10 a.m.	Continental breakfast
10-4	Doors open to students
noon-2	Lunch
4:00	Career Fair ends
3-5	Shuttle busses available to parking site

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SEIC gives internship help

BY TONY MOSES

Don't spend another summer bored at work and looking forward to classes starting again in the fall.

Utilize the free employment services offered at the Student Employment and Internship Center to find an exciting summer job.

SEIC, located on the third

floor of the Nebraska Union, assists students seeking work experience while enrolled at UNL.

A division of Career Services, SEIC helps students find internships, cooperative education programs, work study programs and part time and summer employment, said Emily Wilber, a student employment specialist at the center.

One of the free services offered by SEIC is thousands of employment listings.

These job listings give as much information about the jobs as possible, including job requirements and activities, employment hours and wages and information about the application process.

"We encourage students to look for a job that helps in the long run career-wise," Wilber said.

Listings for part-time jobs, summer employment and work study programs can be found on the Career Services Web site, <http://www.unl.edu/careers/>.

Internship and cooperative education listings with more than 1,000 different entries are available in the SEIC office, Wilber said.

Beyond lists of potential employers, SEIC also offers free advice on resumés, cover letters and the employment process.

Wilber said advisers are available to meet with students to discuss employment options.

The advisers are also available to critique and offer advice on cover letters and resumés.

SEIC hosts a free informative session every Thursday at 3:30

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p.m. to answer basic internship questions.

For \$20, students can post their resumés online, allowing potential employers to view resumés on the career services Web site, and sign up for on-campus interviews through SEIC.

She said employers request resumés from those listed on the Web site, and students can also send resumés to employers from the site.

Wilber said the best time to seek internships can be as many as nine months before the student wants to start working.

For local internships, she recommended that students begin searching at least six weeks before they want to start working. For national internships, she recommended that students begin no later than four months before they need a job.

SEIC works to find employment for students in every college, she said. The center has liaisons that work to find the employment wants and needs of each student.

"We're one of the few centralized careers services among our peer institutions," she said.



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