**Career Fair Assignment**

# of total points

**Assignment learning goals:**

1. Students will attend a Career Development Center sponsored Career Fair/Event and network with three or more employers about career opportunities.
2. Students will prepare and submit a professional resume to use in conversations with employers.
3. Students will reflect on the event and then submit a short essay about their impressions of the event, experience, outcomes, next steps.

**Resources for student use:**

* Career Fair Preparation
  + **Student Appointment:** 30–50-minute virtual or in-person appointment with a Career Advisors to review your resume. Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-4:30PM. Students can schedule an appointment through [Handshake](https://mavjobs.joinhandshake.com/appointments).
  + **QuickCareer Question Appointments:** This virtual appointment is for career questions that would take 30 minutes or less.
  + **Drop-In Hours:** Contact the Career Development Center to learn more about drop-in days and hours available. This drop-in appointment is for career questions that would take 15 minutes or less. \*Drop-In Hours vary each semester
* Career Fair Employer List on Handshake under career fair information

**Additional resources for student use:**

* Career Development Center Website
  + [Upcoming Career Events](https://mankato.mnsu.edu/university-life/career-development-center/events-and-fairs/) | <https://link.mnsu.edu/eventsfairs>
  + [Creating a Professional Resume](Creating%20a%20Professional%20Resume) | <https://link.mnsu.edu/resumes>
  + [Dress for Success](https://mankato.mnsu.edu/university-life/career-development-center/student-and-alumni-career-resources/jobs-and-internships/Interviewing/what-to-do-before-an-interview/dress-for-success/) | <https://link.mnsu.edu/dress4success>
* Handshake Help Center
  + Prepare Your Elevator Pitch <https://joinhandshake.com/blog/students/college-student-elevator-pitch/>
  + Career fair advice <https://joinhandshake.com/?site=student&s=career+fair>

**Essay Prompts:**

1. What were your feelings when you entered the Career Fair? What did you feel confident or nervous about?
2. Describe the event: atmosphere, attendance, organizations, etc.
3. What surprised you about the event? What concerned you?
4. Which companies did you approach for conversations and why?
5. Describe how your conversations with recruiters went: what went well, what did not go well? Why?
6. How did you feel when you left the Career Fair?
7. What would you do differently next time you attend a Career Fair?
8. What next steps, if any, will you take to follow up with employers you connected with?