

# Career Fair/Networking Assignment

Attending events like Career Fairs and the Speed Mock Interview offers students valuable opportunities to explore career options, develop professional networking skills, and practice interviewing.

## Assignment Learning Goals

1. Students will attend a Career Fair, Speed Mock Interview, or Employer Spotlight.
2. Students will network with three or more employers to learn about career opportunities.
3. Students will submit a short reflection about their interactions, event experiences, and next steps.

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Career fairs, employer spotlights, and mock interviews are more than just events - they're practice grounds for building your professional future. Whether you're figuring out what kind of job interests you, practicing how to introduce yourself, or just seeing how people in your field talk about their work, showing up *matters*. This assignment is designed to help you make the most of these experiences by giving you a few simple goals and space to reflect on what you learn.

## Step 1: Attend a Career Event

Choose and attend *one* of the following approved events:

- [Career Fair](#) (There's one in Fall and one in Spring!)
- Speed Mock Interview
- Employer Spotlight or Panel
- Other relevant career event (with prior approval from your instructor or career office)

## Step 2: Network with at Least 3 Professionals

During the event, aim to:

- Ask thoughtful questions about their organization, job roles, or career paths.
- Practice your professional introduction (your "elevator pitch" - see below).
- Take notes on each conversation - what stood out, what interested or surprised you.

## Step 3: Submit a Reflection (300–500 words)

Your reflection should address:

- What event you attended and why you chose it.
- A brief overview of your conversations (no names needed—focus on content).
- What you learned about potential careers, industries, or yourself.
- How the experience made you feel - confident? nervous? curious?
- One or two next steps you plan to take in your career journey while you're at OWU.

## Need Help? Nervous? Here are some places to start...

- Figure out what you're going to say first by drafting an [Elevator Pitch](#)! [Here](#) is a template.
- [Networking and Informational Interviews](#)
- As always, you can book an appointment with a Career Catalyst using Handshake to get personalized support.