

LVCCE Frequently Asked Questions – Students

Q: Will I need to pay an admission fee?

A: Yes, and no... there is no cash fee for any student or recent alumni from a member school to attend this event; however, you will need to provide one resume when you check in at the Registration desk. Member schools are: Albright College, Alvernia University, Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Kutztown University, Lafayette College, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Lehigh University, Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Northampton Community College, Penn State (all branch campuses), Reading Area Community College.

Students from all other accredited colleges earning an associate or bachelor's degree will pay \$5.00 in addition to submitting a resume at registration.

Q: How many resumes should I bring?

A: Bring at least one resume for every company that you would like to speak with during your visit. Do your research in advance to know how many will be effective for you. And, bring extras because students often make a connection with organizations that they had not anticipated would have relevant employment opportunities.

Approximately 30 resumes should be a place to begin. We suggest that you print your resumes on resume (heavy bond) paper to present the most polished image.

Q: Should I wear a suit?

A: Yes, you should always dress for the job that you want in the long run. While the workday dress code varies depending on the industry and type of employment, it is always appropriate to wear a business suit to a job fair. Even "tech" people should wear suits for interviews. Jeans, hats and chewing gum are prohibited during the Expo.

The following are NOT permitted at the LVCCE:

- sneakers, Uggs, caps, jeans, sweats, mini-skirts or leggings
- baggy or droopy pants, T-shirts, or low-cut tops
- guests, parents, children or friends attending for moral support - you need to show your independence here (only candidates will be allowed entry)
- food or drinks while you are talking with employers (your focus should be on getting information and sharing information about yourself)
- a huge backpack or lots of baggage (you want to be comfortable and be able to move around easily)

These guidelines are provided to help you present the best possible image to employers and to maintain the high level of professionalism that our participants expect. Bring plenty of resumes and a positive attitude. Good Luck!

Q: I am a first year student and my professor told me to come. Why should I come and

what should I do? Do I still need to wear a suit?

A: In your first or second year, you can attend the career expo for a number of reasons. Your professor may want you to speak with employers about how you might fit into their field. (What will you need to do to fit into the work force after graduation? What jobs does that employer think that your major will help with in their company?) These are all questions that will help you to explore your potential career field as well as ones that may help you confirm or change your major.

And, you may need an internship or externship after your first year of college. Some colleges and universities require internships, so be sure to speak with your Academic Advisor or your Career Counselor to learn about requirements at your school.

You should try to look as professional as possible when you attend. If you own a suit, wear it. If not, wear similar conservative, professional attire.

Q: Does my school provide transportation to and from the Expo?

A: The answer to this question depends on the college or university you attend. Please contact your Career Services office for details. In some cases, van transportation is provided. Some Career Services offices are coordinating car pools among students.

If you want to attend this event and do not have your own transportation, it is important that you contact your Career Services office several days prior to the event so that help might be provided.

Q: What if the weather is bad?

A: Use common sense to arrive at the Expo safely. The Expo will take place regardless of the weather conditions, unless there is a State of Emergency in the Lehigh Valley. In the case of a State of Emergency, the LVCCE will be cancelled. However, in the event of snow, ice or rain the Expo will take place. Consider leaving after the roads have been plowed. Allow plenty of time to drive slowly.

Q: I cannot make the Expo. How can I contact the companies that attended?

A: It is best to attend the Expo to make contact with a representative of the organizations in which you have an interest. However, if it is impossible for you to attend, you can still use the on-line profiles to research opportunities and contact organizations. Go to the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Career Expo homepage (www.lvcce.org) and click on the link to companies attending.

After the Expo, the Career Services office at your school may have additional information or directories that you could use in your research.