

Labour Market Report

Centre for Skilled and Internationally Trained Professionals



Centre Update

As expected, employers have begun to reengage potential employees after the holiday break, and we have seen an increase in the number of clients finding work in their field from December to January.

Effective Job Search: a lot like Project Management

Looking for a job, especially one that utilizes your education, training, and matches with the career direction you are seeking, is time consuming and a test of persistence and patience. It is overwhelming, requires focus, adept multi-tasking abilities, and the utilization of a range of techniques from cold calling to networking and follow-up.

For what may be a lengthy process, it is important for small goals and milestones to be developed and tracked. It is difficult for some to see anything but a job offer as progress, but even seemingly insignificant things like an e-mail response from a hiring manager, a business card at a career fair, or a casual informal conversation with a peer at a technical society meeting should be considered a step in the right direction.

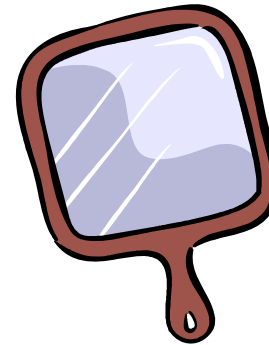
As such, job seekers are advised to develop a concrete job search plan, factoring in realistic timelines including English as a Second Language classes if necessary, deadlines for company research and application for professional association membership, follow-up “due dates”, and contingency plans such as upgrading or related employment in case barriers like a lengthy gap in professional employment is too difficult to overcome. As mentioned above, it is also important to acknowledge small successes and maintain momentum and a positive outlook based on what you have achieved.

Clients are encouraged to make an appointment with their Employment Developer to ensure they are plotting all of the steps necessary for an effective and realistic job search plan.

Occupational Specific Group Meetings & Centre Events

- IMG Study Group Meetings*: See Anna
 - IEV Study Group Meeting*: See Echo
 - APEGGA Licensure workshop: February 20, 1-3pm
- February 18 – Centre closed for Family Day

Monthly Reflection



“Keep steadily before you the fact that all true successes depends at last upon yourself.”

-Theodore T. Hunger

February Events

- **February 11, 6pm, Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society monthly technical meeting** (Mirama Restaurant, 9431 Jasper Ave): discussion topic of E.L. Smith Water Treatment Plant. More detail here: <http://www.eces.cc/technical.html>
- **February 13, 11am-4pm, University of Calgary Career & Job Expo** (Jack Simpson Gymnasium, Upper Track, University of Calgary): over 100 organizations actively hiring. A list of exhibitors available to view here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/careerservices/careerfair/uofccareerandjobfair>

Remember to pick up a copy of the free and low-cost calendar of events happening in and around the city!