

# Labour Market Report

## Centre for Skilled and Internationally Trained Professionals



### Centre Update

The last few weeks of August have been great for the Centre's job seekers, and the momentum can only continue in September. With the multitude of job fairs, conferences, and trade shows this month, clients will have ample opportunity to network and develop contacts in their fields. To assist this process, the Centre will be offering the very popular "Career Fair Networking Strategies" twice. Speak to a staff member to sign up.

### Employment Standards: Safety on the Job

By working together, employees and workers can create healthy and safe workplaces. If a workplace is unsafe, government Occupational Health and Safety officers can require changes or shut down equipment or the whole workplace.

Alberta's *Occupational Health and Safety Code* requires employers to eliminate or control existing or potential hazards. Most workers are covered by Alberta's *Code*. Exceptions include domestic workers (such as nannies and housekeepers) and persons working at home, federal government employees and workers in federally regulated industries (for example, banks and transportation companies with workers who cross provincial borders), farmers and certain agricultural workers.

On the job, workers must make sure they are:

- working safely and cooperating with the employer by following health and safety rules on the job
- using safety and personal protective equipment
- taking part in safety training, including Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) training
- reporting unsafe working conditions to the employer or supervisor.

If you have concerns about workplace health and safety, talk to your supervisor. If you still aren't satisfied, speak to your supervisor's boss. If the

situation still doesn't change or improve, call Workplace Health and Safety at 415-8690.

Know that it is against the law to fire a worker for refusing to work in unhealthy or unsafe working conditions that are in violation of the *Occupational Health and Safety Code*.

If you are hurt on the job:

- tell your employer
- get medical treatment, if needed
- complete a Workers' Compensation Board Report of Injury form.

On the job employers must make sure they are:

- protecting the health and safety of workers
- assessing and controlling workplace hazards
- informing workers of any danger on the work site
- setting safe work practices and making sure these practices are followed
- making sure workers have proper skills and training to do their jobs safely
- keeping equipment in safe working order
- labeling and storing dangerous chemicals properly
- monitoring workers who may be exposed to certain controlled products (and, in some cases, require health examinations)
- reporting serious workplace injuries and fatalities to Alberta Workplace Health and Safety

(information taken from *A Guide to Rights & Responsibilities in Alberta Workplaces*, Government of Alberta, AHRE 2005)

### Occupational Specific Group Meetings & Centre Events

- IMG Study Group Meetings*: See Anna
- IEV Study Group Meeting*: See Judith
  
- September 1, 1-4pm – IMG Communication Skills workshop

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- ❑ September 8, 9am-12pm – OSCE workshop for IMGs (Misericordia Hospital)
- ❑ September 10, 1-3pm – Career Fair Networking Strategies workshop
- ❑ September 18, 1-3pm – First Impressions workshop
- ❑ September 19, 1-3:30pm – APEGGA application information session
- ❑ September 21, 9-11am – Career Fair Networking Strategies workshop
- ❑ September 25, 9-11am – Culture in the Workplace workshop
- September 3 – Centre closed for Labour Day

### Monthly Reflection



“In order to succeed you must fail, so that you know what not to do the next time.”

-Anthony J. D'Angelo

### September Events

- **September 12-27**, various dates and venues at the University of Alberta – Company information sessions hosted by Career and Placement Services, check [http://www.ualberta.ca/CAPS/CaPS\\_a9.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/CAPS/CaPS_a9.html) for updated listings
- **September 13, 10am-6pm – Edmonton Journal/working.com Job Fair** (Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615-109 Avenue)
- **September 19 & 20 – Oil Sands Tradeshow & Conference**, the world's largest gathering of oil sands professionals: exhibits and

- seminars (Northlands Agricom, 116 Ave & Wayne Gretzky Drive; pre-registration free: <http://www.petroleumshow.com/oilsands/>)
- **September 20, Mechanical Engineering Career Forum:** representatives from CoSyn Technology, Colt Engineering, Shell Canada and Noetic Engineering share their insights, \$3 in advance/\$10 at the door, 492-4313 to pre-register (Room 346, Chemical and Materials Engineering Building, University of Alberta)
- **September 25, Massive Technology Show,** tradeshow and networking opportunities (Shaw Conference Centre, 9797 Jasper Avenue; free floor pass for the first 10000 registrants: <http://www.massivetechshow.com/edm07/>)
- **September 26, 10am-4pm, Career and Placement Services Careers Day:** over 200 employers present, free admission (Butterdome, University of Alberta; employer listings here: [http://www.ualberta.ca/CAPS/CaPS\\_a3-1-1.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/CAPS/CaPS_a3-1-1.html))

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