How do I prepare for the UNL Education Career Fair?

Feb. 8th, 2022, Noon-4pm (CST)
Nebraska Student Union

Register
The first step is to activate and update your Handshake account. Student registration opens Jan. 24th. Navigate to the Events tab on the top menu bar in Handshake. Start here: my.unl.edu

Research
Prior to the fair, take a look at the school districts who are attending and decide who you want to meet with. Check out their websites ahead of time and come prepared to ask questions!

Prepare
Before arriving to the career fair, think about what you are going to wear, how to introduce yourself, and what you want to say about your interest in teaching.

RESUME
Is your resume up to date and reflective of your skills and qualifications? If you need help updating your resume, schedule a career appointment with a CEHS Career Coach Mollie Rappl for one-to-one feedback and assistance. Find an appointment through MyPlan.

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION
Plan your elevator pitch (introduction) so you are prepared to talk with employers. Practice introducing yourself and talking about your endorsement area, why you're interested in teaching, and your future plans. Some districts may choose to ask you questions to see if you qualify for teaching in their schools. Be ready to talk about yourself.

FOLLOW UP
Once you have attended the career fair, create a connection with the employers you talked to by following up. Search for them on LinkedIn and connect. Send a follow up email, thanking them for their time. Look at their hiring websites to view position openings.

Why attend the career fair?
You will be able to talk to local and national districts about hiring bonuses, teaching positions, opportunities to student teach, and ask questions about working in their schools. Career Fairs help students meet principals and HR recruiters to learn about opportunities and future openings.

Who can attend?
All UNL students can benefit from attending the career fair. Yes, even if you already have a job or job offer. Career fairs are a great way to network and interact with potential employers, make professional connections, and meet contacts for future opportunities.

For more information, visit: https://careers.unl.edu/2022-spring-unl-career-fairs/