

Everything from plumbing to poli-sci

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Learn about being everything from an investment adviser, optometrist or a chef, to a dental assistant, Mary Kay representative or a boilermaker apprentice at Sunday's Okanagan College Career Fair.

"It's a big event," said organizer Michelle Lowry of Okanagan College.

"This is the 28th annual and we'll have anywhere from 2,000 to 4,000 people come through the fair from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have 65 employer exhibitors and 40 college departments with

booths, as well as tours, seminars, activities and demonstrations."

The KLO Road campus of the college is essentially turned into a giant employment and education festival for the day.

There will be a barbecue in the front entrance breezeway, a chef will be doing an ice carving and the trades school will demonstrate the Jaws of Life and air bag deployment. The main parts of the fair will be in the student services building, as well as the health, business and trades buildings.

As a special addition this year, Science World from Vancouver is bringing its Community Science Celebration to the fair. The celebration's science demonstrations and activities for kids will be set up in the college's new Centre for Learning.

Another special addition this year is the



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From left, career fair organizer Michelle Lowry, students Alison Cawley and Bryndel Fell and college employee Christy Cave hold up a banner for a career fair, which takes place Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee's attendance to outline volunteer positions available during the 2010 Games in February.

"The fair really does have something for everyone," said Lowry.

"Employers are there for college students and adults looking for jobs. All the college departments are on site for high school students or adults figuring out their further education. We also have seminars for parents who have a child heading off to college."

Some of the employers who will set up booths include: Investors Group, Canadian Navy, Kelowna Veterinary Hospital, London Drugs, Kelowna Fire Department, Royal Bank, RCMP, Tutt Street Optometry, Interior Health

and the Ministry of Forests.

Various industry associations will be there promoting careers in their sectors, from the B.C. Dental Hygienists, Certified General Accountants and Applied Science Technologists and Technicians, to the Professional Engineers of B.C., Canadian Home Builders' Association and Council of Forest Industries.

Okanagan College departments with booths range from philosophy, photography and physics to computer science, construction trades and continuing studies.

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