

Job fair covers full and part-time work

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First-year business student Bianca March wants a full-time summer job that will morph into part-time while she's at school and about-to-graduate. Konstantin Seroshtan is looking for a career position.

They were two of the 600 Okanagan College students to attend Wednesday's Business Expo and Employment Fair at the school.

"I'm the single mom of a three-year-old, so I'm looking for a job that works with school, my little boy and is related to my course," said March, who is majoring in marketing.

"The ideal would be something part-time right now, full-time in the summer and then back to part-time when my second year starts up."

March spoke with human resources recruiter Heather Timmer of vitamin and supplements company Factors Group about possibilities.

"I like the idea of working for a health sciences company," said March. "We'll see."

Factors makes its Natural Factors line from crops grown in the

Okanagan and processed at plants in Winfield and its Coquitlam head office.

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Factors is currently looking for mostly manufacturing workers, who do things like cook and blend the vitamins and supplements that go into liquid extracts or gel-caps.

There are also bottling, labelling, quality control, laboratory and maintenance jobs.

Seroshtan came to Okanagan College as an international student from Russia to take the two-year business administration diploma.

He graduates in April and wants to stay in Kelowna and work in hospitality management.

"I'm having a look around this job fair to see what jobs are out there," he said in his almost accent-less English.

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Heather Timmer, left, of Factors Group, speaks with first-year Okanagan College business student Bianca March at the annual Business Expo and Employment Fair at the college on Wednesday.

Some of the other employers with booths in the college's Student Centre pit area included TD Canada Trust, City of Kelowna, Valley First Credit Union, Canadian Forces, Interior Savings Credit Union, RCMP, Scotiabank, Edward Jones Investments, Business Development Bank, Royal Bank and Kal Tire.

"We're growing so quickly that

we're looking for grads that are ready to move right into our one-year assistant manager and manager training programs," said Ted Richard, the manager of the Dilworth Kal Tire in Kelowna.

"Managers make \$55,000 a year and profit sharing is extra."

Kal Tire has more than 200 shops across the country.

Job fair organizer Jamie Morrow

of Okanagan College was delighted with the turnout of both employers and students.

"The economy is turning around and there are a lot of companies that want to recruit right now as well as promote their companies for future hiring," he said.

"Students and graduates are also keen to find good summer, part-time and permanent jobs."