

## Education job fair provides opportunities for students

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Education majors and alumni from all around the country are invited to participate in the annual Mid-America Educators' Job Fair at the Bone Student Center on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

While most students attend looking for a future job, there are also networking opportunities at the fair, Rickey Williams, Career Center advisor, said.

As many as 600 ISU students have attended past fairs, Williams explained.

Students who do not know the school or the district they want to teach in have the opportunity to come and meet with schools to find out what requirements they have for future teachers.

Students can also network with different employers and districts to get an idea of the hiring process, Williams added.

To better prepare for the interviews, students can do a few things, beginning with a mock interview.

Students can set up appointments with the Career Center advisors and graduate assistants for a mock interview. The Career Center has specific questions for education majors that will help them prepare for what the school districts will ask them. They can also go to Williams Hall for help with their résumés and cover letters.

“It’s going to be more of an informational type of interview so students need to go in prepared to answer specific questions about why they’re in education, and why they like that specific school

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district that they're speaking to," Williams said. "Students will probably talk about a little bit of their educational background and any type of student teaching or clinical experience that they've had," he added.

There is no registration deadline for the fair, so any students willing to come in last minute are welcome.

"If you are an ISU student, all you need to bring is your student ID and we'll swipe that through. If you're from another district or another area, we'll just have you sign in on a sheet," he explained.

For those students or alumni unavailable to attend the fair, there will be two more fairs, one at Northern Illinois University on Feb. 27, and one at Eastern Illinois University Feb. 29.

To view the list of registered employers, students can visit the Career Center's website at [careercenter.IllinoisState.edu](http://careercenter.IllinoisState.edu).