

REFLECTION PAPER ASSIGNMENT

Use the Westfield State University Career Center website to identify an upcoming [career fair](#) and/or [Handshake](#), register in advance and initiate conversations with at least three employers about career opportunities. After the career fair, write a 2-page reflection paper describing the event, your perspective and thoughts about attending, and identify your next steps. Consider scheduling an appointment with the Career Center and checking out these resources to help you prepare for the fair:

- [How to Prepare for a Job Fair](#)
- [Developing Your 60-Second Introduction](#)
- [Resume/Cover Letter Guides](#)
- Review the list of attending companies on the career fair website to learn more about the organization and opportunities

BE SURE TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN YOUR REFLECTION PAPER:

1. What were your feelings when entering and leaving the career fair? What did you feel confident or nervous about?
2. Describe the event: atmosphere, attendance, organization, etc.
3. What surprised you about the event? What concerned you?
4. Which companies did you approach for conversations and why?
5. Describe how your conversations went: what went well, what did not go well and why?
6. What would you do differently when attending your next career fair?
7. What next steps, if any, will you take to follow through on your contacts?