

NOVA Career Services Event FAQ: Students

This document is intended to provide answers to questions we receive often from students that pertain to our events, and event day operations. If this FAQ does not answer the question you may have, please reach out to novacareerservices@nvcc.edu

Q: What types of events does Career Services host/offer?

A: Career Services looks to host/facilitate/promote numerous events and types of events through out the academic year. These range from large scale events like career/job fairs that usually take place at one of our 6 campuses, to smaller, program focused events like virtual employer lobbies, or employer site visits. We also have the ability to promote events that are hosted by different academic departments or employers to our events calendar and social media platforms.

Q: How can I see what events are scheduled?

A: All of our events are uploaded onto [Career Connection](#) and can be found under the Events tab. Once on this tab you will be able to see the list of events which is usually sorted by closest date first. You can also filter the events based off type as there are a few different categories we have to help differentiate our events.

Q: Do I need to RSVP in order to attend an event?

A: It depends on the event. For our large scale career/job fairs, we generally do not require an RSVP but you can do so by clicking the “attend” button on the specific event’s page. Sometimes we will send out emails specifically to those who have indicated they plan to attend so it might be useful to do so but again, it is generally not required.

For events that fall under Workshops & Programs, RSVP’s may be required if the event has a capacity limit. We have typically asked for RSVP’s for things like site visits and on-site employer information sessions. For Career Services workshops, our counseling team typically does not ask for RSVPs. If an RSVP is not required, there should still be a button on the specific event’s page where you can add its information to your calendar.

For external Employer Recruitment Events, we typically do not enable RSVPs since these are opportunities submitted to us by employers and since we don’t have a way of tracking who actually attends the event because it is external, RSVPs are not asked for. The only times an

RSVP may be required if the employer event is sponsored by our department or by someone else at NOVA.

Q: Is there any cost/what do I need to do to attend?

A: For the vast majority of our events, the only thing we typically try to ask for is your student ID/email to sign you in. We have yet to have an instance where we require a fee for participation and do not foresee that changing any time soon. For in person events there usually will be a sign in table where we run your student ID# through our system, or have a sign in sheet if it is a smaller event. If you have your physical ID card that will help speed up the sign in process but our system can also take the # or your @email.vccs.edu.

For virtual events it is a bit more difficult for us to know who has actually attended so using that “attend” button on the events page is the most we ask for if applicable. If the event is external and hosted by an employer, we typically do not approve submissions where payment of some form is required but they may ask for some other things you may need to bring/provide to attend.

For our events overall, aside from check in, we would highly recommend “bringing” the following...

- Appropriate attire. We know that not every student has the ability to have or wear professional clothing, most employers understand that too. It is still highly beneficial to appear as professional as you can to create a good impression with employers. For virtual events, it may not make sense to wear a suit, but we also don't recommend wearing pajamas. We also highly recommend finding an area away from noise disruptions and to ensure there are no inappropriate items in the camera background. The blur background screen is also highly useful.
- Resumes. Most employers should have positions they are showcasing already on Career Connection but it doesn't hurt to provide them with a resume so they can directly see your experience and have your contact information. If you need, Career Connection has a free resume builder and you can always schedule an appointment with a Career Counselor for additional help!
- Positive attitude. At our fairs and events, employers are excited to be interacting with you! Be open and clear as you can when communicating with them. It's okay to be nervous but they are there to help you!