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Laurier to offer career and job hunting workshops for the public

By choice or necessity you're re-evaluating your career at a time when job advertisements are scarce. And you realize you haven't put together a résumé or faced an interview for seven years....

Wilfrid Laurier University is offering a series of three seminars on career and employment opportunities in April and May. The workshops, to be held on campus, will be open to the public.

Marnie Morrow, career advising co-ordinator at Laurier, said today's job market is very competitive. "A lot more is expected of job seekers.

"They have to use their initiative to find jobs that aren't advertised. And the onus is on them to present their skills to employers instead of expecting the employers to try to assess them."

To help job seekers better prepare themselves, the workshops will centre on career direction and focus; finding the hidden job market; and résumé writing and interview skills.

The first workshop will encourage participants to identify choices and talents they have not yet considered. It will be offered in two parts from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 24 or in one day-long session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

The second workshop will explore job search techniques including research and finding the hidden job market. It also

will be offered in two parts from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 8 or in one day-long session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

The last workshop will examine different résumé styles and provide opportunities for interview role-playing. It will be offered in two parts from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 29 or in one day-long session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 25.

The presenters will be Morrow and Julie Harvey, both from Laurier. Before joining the university in 1990, Morrow was a consultant with Peat Marwick Stevenson and Kellogg who specialized in relocation and outplacement counselling.

Julie Harvey is a career adviser in the arts and science fields.

Whether taken in two Wednesday evenings or one Saturday, each workshop is \$40. The complete series of three workshops costs \$110. Admission for only one evening session is \$25.

To register or obtain more information, contact career services at 884-1970 ext. 2495.

The career services department at Laurier serves students, alumni and staff. Its resource centre -- including information on employers, career planning and choices, and job search and interview techniques -- is open to the public.

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