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# Hiring opportunities abound in March

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**PITTSFIELD** — The listings include both full- and part-time employment, everything from a job as a barista in Lenox to the town administrator's post in Adams.

The educational requirements are just as varied: from GED and high school diploma, to associate's, bachelor's or master's degree.

That's just a sample of jobs available through the BerkshireWorks Career Center website Monday.

As the local unemployment rate continues to hover around 4 percent, March is shaping up to be a good month for Berkshire job seekers, who will have two opportunities this month to find work.

One is an annual event: 1Berkshire will hold its yearly career fair at Berkshire Community College on March 28. And Ocean House Management of Rhode Island, which manages Blantyre in Lenox, will be holding its own job fair March 13 to hire staffers for the historic 110-acre resort.

Blantyre, which a California-based property owner purchased from the Fitzpatrick family last year, is scheduled to reopen at the end of this month following the completion of a multi-million dollar renovation project.

Ocean House is hoping to hire 85 employees for all levels of associates, ranging from hourly to salary, part-time and seasonal, according to General Manager Natalie Ward. Both service and management positions will be available.



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**Blantyre will be holding a job fair March 13 to hire staffers for the resort, which is scheduled to reopen at the end of this month after a renovation.**

"Although experience is required for management and culinary positions, we hire for personality and train for skill," Ward said in a statement.

The event takes place at Blantyre, which is located at 16 Blantyre Road. It will be held in two sessions: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. Those planning to attend can go directly to Blantyre's "warming hut" building, which is located next to the resort's main guest parking area.

For a list of job opportunities, visit [Blantyre.com](http://Blantyre.com), or call Ocean House Management at 401-584-7032.

### MORE THAN 30 EMPLOYERS

1Berkshire's Career Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BCC's Paterson Field

House at 1350 West St. This event allows those looking for work to connect directly with employers who are seeking assistance. There is no admittance fee.

As of Monday, 31 Berkshire County employers had registered to participate. They include social service agencies, educational institutions, banks, manufacturers, resorts, a lodging management firm, and one state agency, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Exhibitor spaces are still available.

The BerkshireWorks Career Center is holding workshops all this month to prepare job seekers for 1Berkshire's event. Information: [berkshireworks.org](http://berkshireworks.org).

For those interested in

roaming a little farther from the Berkshires, Home Depot is holding a recruitment event in Norwood on March 12; a Healthcare and Human Services Job Fair will take place at the Lawrence Training School in Lawrence on March 14; and a Spring Career Fair is scheduled for the Sheraton Hotel in Needham on April 12. For information on any of those events, go to [jobquest.detma.org](http://jobquest.detma.org).

Unemployment in the Berkshires is currently 3.9 percent, which is half a percentage point higher than it was 12 months ago, but over a point lower than it was at the beginning of 2017. The local rates for January will be released by the state March 13.