

## Crack Down on Resume Fraud

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If you're looking at someone's resume today, there's a good chance that you're not reading the truth.

A careerbuilder.com survey shows that 10 percent of job applicants admit they've lied on a resume.

That has the attention of business schools, which are now keeping a closer watch on their applicants. Arizona State University business professor Marianne Jennings said she believes the 10 percent finding "is pretty low, given the resume fraud in the rest of the world."

"It seems to be an increasing problem in the workplace," Jennings said. "And when it's increasing there — when they know the background check is going to take place — it sure seems logical it would be an increasing problem with applicants at colleges and universities."

Jennings said business schools are limited in screening applicants.

"We really don't have the resources to do the checking that employers do, so things could slip through."

However, she said business schools are scrutinizing applicants more closely and some are charging investigation's fees to applicants.

"When, and if, you are admitted, that fee goes to the private investigations firm that then verifies what you put on your resume. And then, of course, if they find anything, then the admission is revoked."