Integrated Work Experience Strategy (IWES)

The Integrated Work Experience Strategy (IWES) is a new bridge-to-work program being piloted in the Greater Toronto Area under the Information and Communications Technology Council’s (ICTC) Immigration Initiatives, in partnership with JVS Toronto. It prepares internationally educated professionals (IEPs) for employment in Canada’s information and communications technology (ICT) sector.

IWES is funded by the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

What the program covers:
The objective of the IWES program is to improve the integration of Internationally Educated Professionals (IEPs) into the Canadian ICT (Information and Communication Technology) sector. The 6-week training program plus workplace practicum assists Information and Communication IEPs in creating a pathway to meaningful employment in the ICT industry.

The program helps IEPs identify and improve the business, communication, and interpersonal skills that are necessary for successful integration into the Canadian ICT workplace. The training and practicum components provide IEPs with knowledge and Canadian work experience.

The IWES program’s integrated model includes training and assistance in the following areas to address the various needs and challenges facing internationally educated ICT professionals:

- Workplace cultural intelligence
- Connection to community
- Business networking experience
- Guided work experience
- Workplace communication
- Guided work experience

Who can participate?
Any unemployed or underemployed internationally educated ICT professional who is legally entitled to work in Canada and is a recent immigrant to Canada (within the last three years) can participate in the IWES program. Participants must have a background in ICT/IT, be committed to completing an intensive program, and have an interest in working in Canada’s ICT sector.

Where is the course location?
3780 14th Avenue, Suite 310
Markham, ON L3R 9Y5

We are currently accepting applications for INTAKE 4 in Markham, Ontario. Only 16 participants will be accepted into the program in this cycle. Don’t delay -- apply by December 2, 2010!

How to apply:
Online at www.ictc-ctic.ca. Click on Immigration Initiatives, scroll down to Integrated Work Experience Strategy Program and choose “About IWES”. Click on the “How to Apply as an IEP” button and complete the online form.

Print, sign your completed form and forward it to:

Attention: Program Manager, IWES
3780 14th Avenue, Suite 310
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For more information, contact: IWESOn@ictc-ctic.ca or call Michelle Frazer, Program Assistant, IWES at 905-470-9675 ext. 226

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