

Working in partnership with WE LIP council members Ontario MCIIT, Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone pour le Centre Sud Ouest de l'Ontario, Workforce WindsorEssex and Collège Boréal, WE LIP hosted a Global Experience Ontario - *Licensing in Ontario's Regulated Professions Workshop*. This workshop provided employment and settlement service providers with information and tools to help build their knowledge of the non-health regulated professions and skilled trades in Ontario and better support internationally trained individuals who want to become licensed or certified. The session was ideally suited for frontline staff such as employment counsellors, settlement workers, job developers and caseworkers. The workshop covered the regulatory environment, the licensing process, alternative careers, and support programs such as bridge training, language training, mentoring programs, financial assistance and resources. Participants received a binder containing a comprehensive set of resources for some of the top professions for immigrants: accounting, architecture, engineering, engineering technology, early childhood education, law, social work, teaching, and the skilled trades.

The following organizations participated in the workshop:

French workshop:

- Réseau-femmes du sud-ouest de l'Ontario
- Ministère des Affaires civiques, de l'immigration et du Commerce international
- Centre Communautaire Francophone Windsor-Essex-Kent
- Collège Boréal
- Centre d'orientation des adolescents (CCFWEK)

English workshop:

- Unemployed Help Centre
- University of Windsor Co-op, Career and Employment Services
- YMCA of Windsor and Essex County
- New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc.
- Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario
- Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc.



"The "Licensing in Ontario's Regulated Professions" workshop was very informative and the binder is truly valuable for Employment Ontario service providers. All of Employment Ontario service providers offer employment services to the international trained professionals, but the resources and material used by Employment Counsellors depend on their agencies' resource center's development level and each Employment Counsellors' knowledge and experience. The workshop not only offered us a well-developed take-away tool, but also provided us the thorough training to understand how to best use the tool. We cannot thank you enough for bringing in this great workshop to Windsor!"

~Workshop participant

