

Mennonite NEW LIFE CENTRE of Toronto

Pathways to Employment in Canadian Mental Health: Bridge Training for Internationally Trained Psychologists and Allied Mental Health Professionals

The Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto, in partnership with community-based mental health and settlement organizations, is pleased to announce the launch of a unique bridge training program designed for internationally-trained psychologists and allied mental health professionals. **Pathways to Employment in Canadian Mental Health** is a program that integrates academic training for mental health practice in Ontario, occupation-specific language and workplace communication, and supervised clinical training that provides meaningful Canadian work experience. This innovative project combines the requirements of employers seeking skilled staff and the desire of internationally educated professionals seeking a rapid and effective integration into Canadian workplaces.

Specific program components include, but are not limited to:

- approximately 160 hours of mental health instruction
- approximately 200 hours of occupation specific language training
- orientation to Canadian workplace and mental health environment
- application of learning to practice
- Canadian work experience via 450 hours of supervised clinical training
- qualified experienced clinical supervisors
- employment workshops
- placement fair
- 77 hour certificate program through TAPE Educational Services (TAPE training is certified and approved by the Academy of Cognitive Therapy, the Canadian Addiction Professionals Association, the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association and the Association of Social Work Boards)

Participants will seek employment as counsellor, psychotherapist, mental health therapist, or case manager.

The program will be offered at no cost to successful applicants.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Internationally trained professionals
- A minimum of two years of direct work experience in clinical psychotherapy /clinical counselling /community mental health work
- Undergraduate or graduate degree in psychology or a related field, where a significant component is clinical psychology (for ex. counselling, education, social work, medicine, divinity). Individuals with degrees from Canada or the USA are not eligible
- Canadian Language Benchmark level of 7/8 or better (CLB ELTPA Score 7, TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5)
- Highly motivated and able to commit. Program runs ten months, full-time

Information sessions will be conducted monthly. For dates and updates please visit www.bridgingprograms.org.

Next program commences April 2013. For more information about the program please visit: www.bridgingprograms.org.

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