

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

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EDUCATED HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS
(IEHP)



**KWANTLEN
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ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAMS

For entry into bridging/refresher programs and professional practice do you need to:

- Improve your communication for entry into professional practice?
- Improve your pronunciation?
- Expand your health and idiomatic vocabulary?
- Improve your written skills for documentation?
- Increase your awareness of communication styles?
- Increase your understanding of culturally expected behaviours of the Canadian health care system?

WHAT IS THE APPROACH?

This is a performance-based course. This approach includes:

- Communication practice (language and behaviour) of role-plays: clients, families and health teams
- Coaching of role-plays
- Filming of rehearsed and unrehearsed role-plays
- Use of standardized patients/actors
- Feedback and self-reflection

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Eligibility requires the following criteria:

- Unemployed
- Not receiving employment insurance benefits
- Have not received employment insurance benefits in the past three years
- Have not received maternity/parental benefits in the past five years

2. Eligible individuals must be an internationally educated health professional who meet the following entrance requirements:

- Have completed a language assessment test (see Step 1 of application and procedures) and receive at least the minimum score
- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- Living in BC

- Not a student
- Can make a commitment to attend the program and are able to attend class Monday – Friday for 15 weeks
- Hold an international degree in a health profession (including medical doctor, nurse, midwife, pharmacist, physiotherapist and occupational therapist)

COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE LOCATION

The course will be held at: Kwantlen Polytechnic University

COURSE LENGTH

The course is 14 weeks long and will run for: 5 days a week for 4 hours per day (280 hours)

COURSE START AND END DATES

January – April 2012
May – August 2012

COURSE FEES

There are no tuition fees for these courses. However, registration and student fees do apply.



APPLICATION AND PROCEDURES

STEP 1

You must submit proof of language proficiency. The following tests are accepted:

- IELTS Score: 6.0, with a minimum score of 6.0 for Listening, Speaking and Reading, and 5.0 for Writing.
- iBT TOEFL Score: 79 with a minimum score of 19 for Listening and Speaking, and 18 for Writing.
- cBT TOEFL Score: 200 including TWE 4 and TSE 40, with minimum Listening Scaled score of 21.
- CLBPT (Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test): Score within the 6–9 range, with minimum of 7 for Listening and Speaking and 6 for Reading and Writing. (for CLB testing locations visit language.ca)

STEP 2

Fill in the Application Forms and return by email to: iehp@kwantlen.ca or fax to: 604.599.2435. Please ensure that all forms are completed and signed prior to submission.

You will need to submit a copy of your language proficiency results with your application.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

For January 2012 start – November 15, 2011
For May 2012 start – March 2, 2012

STEP 3

Participants must have professional qualifications from their country of origin in at least one of the following registered health professions:

- Nursing
- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IEHP

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The university calendar contains complete program information as well as rules and regulations that govern students while at the university; each student is responsible for being aware of these rules and regulations. The calendar is available online at: kwantlen.ca/calendar

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