

Ontario Helps Newcomers Succeed

McGuinty Government Building Tomorrow's Highly Skilled Workforce

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More internationally trained immigrants will receive help finding jobs in their field through the Colleges Integrating Immigrants to Employment program (CIITE).

The Ontario government is continuing to support CIITE, a program that helps provide newcomers with education and career advice, referral services and academic credential assessments on 18 college campuses.

CIITE is also creating an online Record of Education and Experience database to better connect internationally trained immigrants with employers.

QUOTES

“Internationally trained immigrants have a wealth of knowledge and experience to offer. By helping them put their talent and skills to work, we can make our province more competitive, strengthen our economy and build prosperity for all Ontarians.”

– John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and Minister of Research and Innovation.

“By helping newcomers to succeed, we are helping Ontario to succeed. Their success is Ontario’s success.”

– Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

“This funding will help Ontario colleges remain at the forefront of providing pathways for skilled immigrants to find relevant employment. Supported by the CIITE initiative, colleges provide immigrant advising services, recognize previous learning, and offer training programs that result in internationally trained immigrants working in their field more quickly.”

– John Donald, Chair, CIITE Steering Committee; Vice President, Business Development, Applied Research and External Relations, Conestoga College

QUICK FACTS

- The government is investing \$8 million in CIITE over the next two years, adding to the \$11.5 million invested in the program since 2003.
- CIITE has helped more than 10,000 newcomers since 2003.
- The Colleges of Ontario Network for Education and Training (CON*NECT) operates CIITE.
- Ontario is home to more immigrants than any other province in Canada. About 100,000 immigrants settle annually in the Greater Toronto Area alone.

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