



Information Session





In Today's Session:

- Learn about Mennonite New Life Centre
- Introduction to BESIP
- What is possible? Real life stories
- Is BESIP program for me?
- Eligibility requirements
- How to apply



SETTLEMENT

Education, Housing,
Immigration, Health, etc.

ADULT EDUCATION BRIDGING PROGRAMS

Mental Health, Media and
Comms., Human Services,
Coding for Women

COUNTER HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Mennonite
new life
centre

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

LINC program classes for newcomers
LIGHT program; classes for Trauma
Survivors

EMPLOYMENT

Counselling and
Workshops, Entrepreneurship,
Job Fairs, etc.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING

Individual & groups

Bridge Training Programs at MNLCT



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Bridge to Employment
in Media & Communications



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Bridge to Registration and
Employment in Mental Health



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Bridge to Employment in
Services for Immigrant Populations



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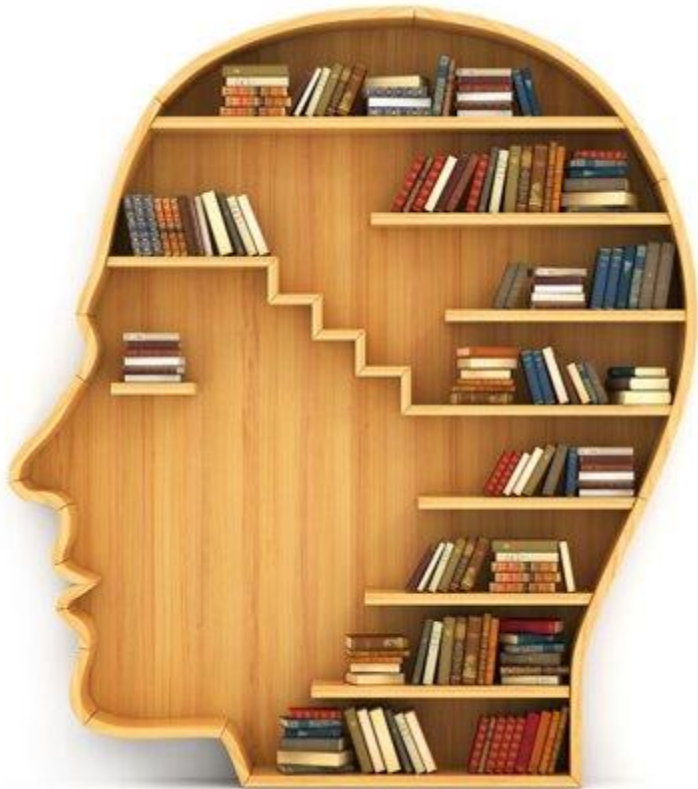
Bridge for Immigrant Women
Reskilling into IT Coding Professions

What is a Bridge Training Program



What sort of “education” and “skills” do you need to fill the new gaps?

Before Immigration...



After Bridging Program



Why a career in services for immigrants?

- Immigrants constitute over 20% of Canadian population. Over 50% of those living in the GTA were born outside of Canada.
- Many services are tailored to immigrants
- Jobs in immigration and settlement services have strong employment prospects
- Your immigrant experience and knowledge of cultures and languages gives you a natural advantage
- A great stepping-stone to careers in different fields: ESL teaching, government, non-profit management, immigration consultancy



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Is this program for me?



Yes!

- If you have experience or a strong interest in helping others deal with change and adversity.
- Education and/or experience in these areas will help: Social/community services, Government services, Education, HR/recruitment, Law, Health care, International development
- Interest in obtaining a professional position as a settlement worker, employment advisor, program coordinator or other option of your choice, education and experience
- Interested in a progressive career in human services
- Interested in working in community, social or government services, health care, education





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What is possible? Real stories



Real Stories: Shabnum

Before immigration

Bachelor of Commerce: Accounting and Statistics

Self-employed – retail

In Canada

- Started as a volunteer at Skills for Change
- First paid job: intake and assessment officer, Skills for Change
- Most recent position: Senior manager, TRIEC Mentoring Partnership
- Took 13 years and 8 additional training programs along the way



Real Stories: Lourdes

Before immigration

Masters, German Language, Philippines
Project Manager in international development

In Canada

- Started as a Program Administrator in human services (supports for cancer patients)
- Took a college diploma in Human Services Administration
- Built on her understanding of cross-cultural issues to advance her career:
Chair, Diversity Roundtable, Peel
- Current position: Senior Manager, Human Rights and Equity
at a District School Board



Overview

BESIP

Immigrants Serving Immigrants: Bridge to Employment in Working with Immigrant Populations

- 6 months of training and workplace exposure, plus up to one year of job search support
- Opens the door to a professional employment, delivering services to immigrants
- Prepares you to manage a progressive career in your field of choice
- Provides a community and a supportive environment so that you do not burn out trying to do it all alone

The BESIP Advantage

- Builds on MNLCT experience with two successful bridging programs
- Developed by a highly qualified team
- Hosted by an employer with connections in the industry
- Unique features: career exploration and planning, customized learning, educational advising



BESIP

Program Components



At the end of the program you will have:



The skills and knowledge to work in a wide variety of positions in human/social/community services



The strategies and tools to be competitive in your job search

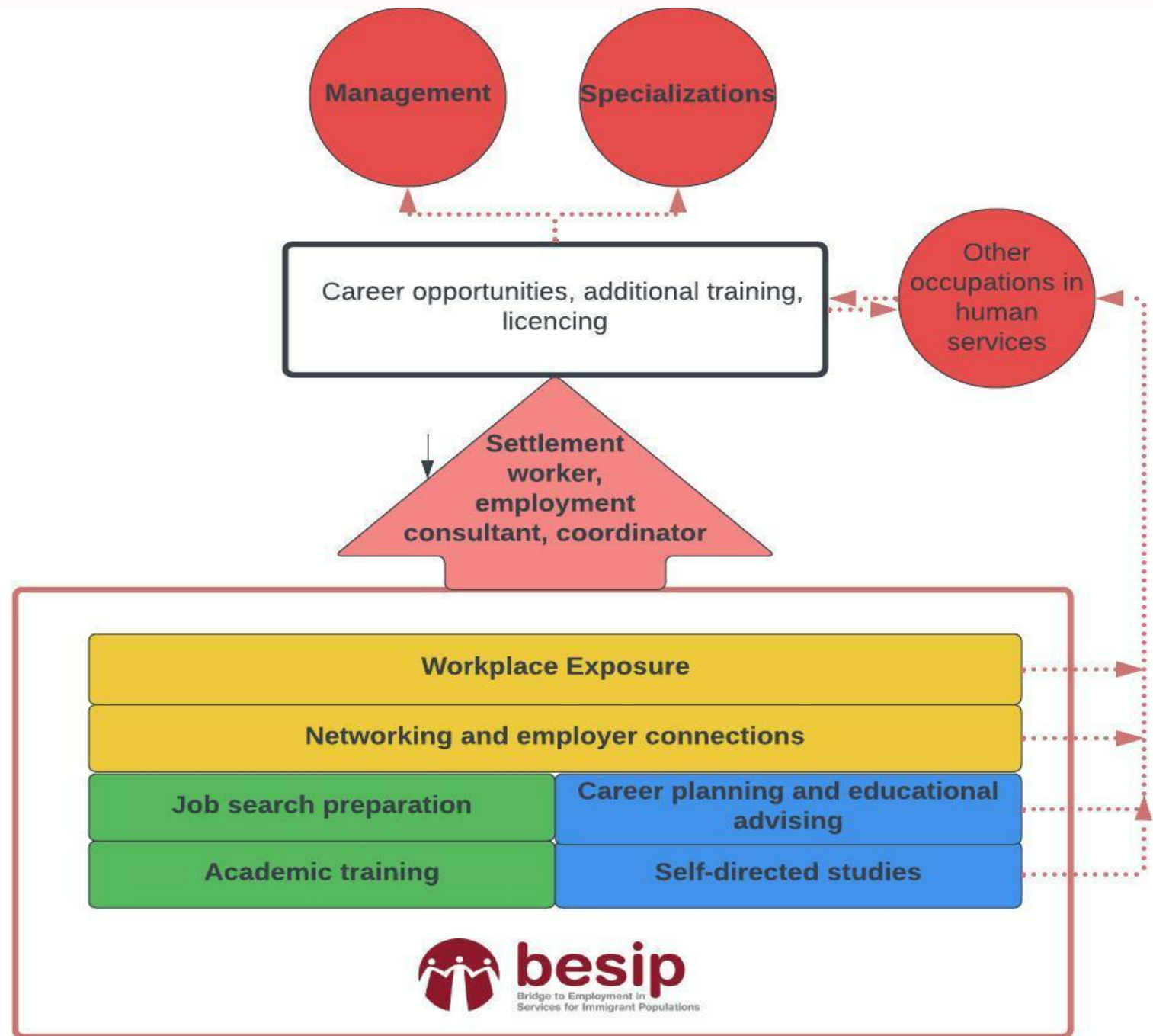


First-hand observations and experience in the workplace (workplace exposure)



You will also have a career plan and some specialized knowledge to pursue the career of your choice in human services.

Your career path



Foundations of successful learning

Camera, microphone,
headset

Mandatory log in
through laptop/
desktop and
avoid mobile
phones unless
any accomodation
requested



Adequate time

Good computer skills
Job search literacy

Fast internet

***And a strong will to learn and
succeed!***

Eligibility

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- **Education:** post-secondary education from outside of Canada.
- **Experience:** Two+ years experience outside Canada in any field
- **Residence:** Ontario
- **Language:** CLB– 7
- **Immigration status** – Permanent resident, Convention Refugee, Refugee Claimants with a valid Work Permit, Naturalized Canadian Citizen, CUAET

How do I get into the program?



Three steps



Step 1: Complete and online BESIP application

Step 2: Submit your documents (cover letter, proof of post-secondary education in English, immigration document, resume, English language assessment)

Step 3: Eligible applicants will be invited to attend an interview

Step 4: Complete Employment Ontario registration form

Step 5: Accept the admission offer and pay 50% of OBTP tuition fee

Program Details



- ❑ Screening of Applications – ongoing
- ❑ Next cohort: Sep 2023
- ❑ Tuition fee: \$300
- ❑ Duration: 5 – 6 months
- ❑ Days/Time: Monday–Friday / 9am-12:30pm

Financial Support for Bridging Programs



Microloan of up to \$15,000; low interest, great for building “credit history. Check out Achēv Accelerating Career Advancement program and/or Windmill Microlending program

If you are OW recipient, discuss it with you case worker

Up to \$500 Financial Support offered by the Ministry of Labour and MNLCT for Low Income families (can't be used for tuition fee)



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Questions?





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What will you gain from participating in BESIP?



Entryway to the human services sector



Immersion in workplace setting: employer-led program



In-depth understanding of the human services sector in Ontario



Workplace exposure: capstone course, optional placements,



Local Canadian references

Current and relevant skills and knowledge



Improved profession-specific language, and culturally appropriate professional communication skills



Skills to work with culturally-diverse clients



Skills and tools for self-promotion, competitive job search and career advancement



Occupation-specific technical knowledge

Community and support



Networking with peers. No
more professional and
personal isolation!



Individual career and
education counselling



Job search support

Remember!

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

- John Holmes

Learn More and Contact the Program



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