

NEWCOMERS

NEWCOMER INFORMATION CENTER – (CENTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING)

HALTON MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

Newcomer Information Centres (NIC) are walk-in information centres funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to provide free, up to date settlement information and referral for the smooth transition of newcomers to life in Canada. NIC is open to permanent residents, convention refugees and prospective immigrants.

PROGRAMS:

- **Information & Referral Centre:** Friendly, multilingual staff provide accurate, up-to-date information and referral to various programs and services in the community to meet clients' specific needs. NIC is a walk-in centre offering comprehensive information including but not limited to employment, licensing, credential evaluation, language training, housing, health services, legal issues, government programs, citizenship and immigration, and various social, community and recreational services.
 - **Information Sessions:** Off-site and in-house [Information Sessions](#) and presentations on settlement. These sessions provide an opportunity to learn, share and discuss your career development and settlement progress. Registration is required by phone, e-mail or in person:
 - *Starting Your Life in Canada, Immigration & Sponsorship, Continuing Education, Canadian Citizenship, Know Your Rights at Work, Financial Literacy, Canadian Tax System, Identity Theft, Banking for Newcomers in Canada.*
 - **Monthly Calendar:** <https://www.tcet.com/newcomer-info-services/information-sessions>
- **E-mail Services:** nic@tcet.com is a unique service, responding to national & international queries assisting in the orientation and preparedness for immigrants to Canada. All responses to inquiries are sent in 2 business days.
- **Commissioner of Oaths Services:** Commissioner of Oaths Services are available by appointment at all NIC locations to take affidavits, declarations, oaths, attest/certify true copies of original documents.
- **Settlement Services:** In partnership with settlement agencies, NIC provides direct settlement services to eligible clients in need of additional settlement support. Clients can meet with settlement workers at each NIC location to receive assistance with the following:
 - Form-filling assistance for government documents and benefits including applications for: OHIP, SIN, CCTB, GST/HST Credit, driver's license.
 - Help with renewing a permanent resident card, preparing for a citizenship test and applying for Canadian citizenship
- **Specialist Employment Support:**
 - **The Mentoring Partnership** matches employment-ready skilled immigrants with established professionals in an occupation-specific mentoring match. Mentoring has proven to be a vital tool in supporting immigrant job seekers to better understand the Canadian workplace and connect with employment in their field faster and more effectively.
 - **The Centre for Education & Training is a *referral partner* in TRIEC Mentoring Partnership - a program of the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council.**
 - <http://www.mentoringpartnership.ca/>
- **Foreign Credential Recognition Loans Program:** A financial loan (up to \$15,000; with repayment terms from 1-4 years) and one-on-one career counselling for Internationally Trained Individuals to get their career started in Canada.
 - **Eligibility:** Must be a permanent resident, Canadian citizen, or convention refugee, who is legally permitted to work in Canada and must have obtained education and related work experience outside of Canada.
 - **Email:** FCRloans@tcet.com
 - **Website:** <https://www.tcet.com/fcrloans>

NOTES:

Eligibility/ Required Documentation: Please bring one of the following to your first visit:

- Permanent Resident (PR) Card
- Confirmation of PR
- Landing Paper
- Notice of Decision Letter

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HALTON MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

The Halton Multicultural Council Connections offers full service settlement agency serving newcomers and immigrants; specialized support for refugees.

PROGRAMS:

Settlement & Counselling

- Offers short-term, solutions-focused guidance and support in adjusting to life in Canada and resolving difficulties. Information, orientation, referrals and counselling services available.

Community Connections Programs:

- **Mentoring:** Provides support and assistance to internationally-trained professional newcomers to overcome the barriers they face in their search for proper employment and efforts towards integration into the labour market and wider community. Participants are asked to commit 1-2 hours per week for 6+ weeks (with flexibility).
 - Offered: **Individual, Professional-Group** (Accounting, Banking and Finance, Human Resources, IT and Teaching, Health and Medical fields [including a group for International Medical Doctors], Engineering [including a group for International Engineers]), and **Skills-Based** (basic computer classes, English conversations)
- **Youth Sessions:** Summer and March Break camps, homework clubs, leadership groups and social circles.
- **Senior Sessions:** English language, social groups (Milton site only)

Employment Supports & Training Programs: Prepares clients to actively seek employment by assisting them in obtaining required certification of education and/or trade documents. *

- Job search workshops, resume review, mock/ practice interviews
- Enhanced Language Training (ELT for Office Management and Accountants)
- **Career Accelerator (for Foreign-Trained Health Professionals):** Career Accelerator for Internationally Trained Health Professionals will enable highly skilled newcomers to devise a personalized career plan and then get meaningful Canadian experience in the health or social service sector that will maximize their career trajectory. The program

features 12-week paid or non-paid work placement at an average of \$20/hour. In order to qualify for the program, the participants must have a healthcare background and Canadian language benchmark of level seven or higher.

Language Programs: offers multiple level English programs to newcomers.

- **Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) and ESL Programs**
- www.hmconnections.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/LINC-flyer-Updated-Jan-2019.pdf

Housing: Temporary/ transitional housing solution for families or individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

* *Not currently accepting applications (as of August 2019)*

- Admission Criteria: www.hmconnections.com/services/housing/

NOTES:

Eligibility: Open to Canadian citizens, immigrants, Permanent Residents, convention refugees, refugee claimants and visitors to Canada. Canadian citizens are not eligible.

* Employment Supports & Training Programs: Participants should be able to communicate in the English language.

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