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83% of pharmacy clients passed licensing exam

83% of the International Pharmacy Graduates (IPG's) who completed the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Evaluating Exam ([PEBC - EE](#)) study group at Directions for Immigrants passed the June exam. This is the first step to becoming a licensed pharmacist in Alberta.

"This was truly a fun and wonderful group of IPGs to work with. I saw growth in the clients and I look forward to seeing them working as pharmacists one day," said Rachel, career coach at Directions. "I can't thank Directions and Rachel enough for bringing us all together and helping us work on our goal to pass the exam. I hope this service continues for other IPGs," says Shaaz, from India.

Directions assists participants to gain accreditation through the delivery of the [exam preparation groups](#), one-on-one [career coaching](#), and access to a library of pharmacy textbooks. Spaces are available in the upcoming [EE group](#) (August 26 - December 23 | Wednesdays | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Call 403-770-5155 to book an appointment**).



Kudos to Inara!

Inara, an International Medical Graduate (IMG) from Venezuela, was accepted to the program of Medical Genetics at the University of Toronto as a resident this spring. Obtaining residency with this premier program is a goal she has had since coming to Canada. Inara accessed the services at Directions in 2013, including career coaching, interview preparation, [workshops](#) and exam preparation groups for the licensing exams. "I am certain that without this service, I wouldn't have achieved this goal in such a short time," said Inara.



Congratulations Manthan!

Manthan recently got a job as a project manager for a multinational corporation in automation technology. He has a degree in electrical engineering from India and more than 8 years of experience in project management.

Manthan came to Directions in June and worked one-on-one with Amelia, career coach at Directions on targeting resumes and preparing for interviews. He also attended the [LinkedIn workshop](#). "My career coach taught me the cultural expectations of the Canadian workplace," said Manthan. Congratulations on your new role!



Ice Cream Stampede Party

We had a great Stampede Ice Cream



Clear Communication for Health Care Professionals



Networking Session with ASET

Eric Morin, Corporate Relations Manager and Mat

Party in July. It was a very hot day, perfect to cool off with an ice cream. We were happy to welcome our clients, their families and our community partners. Thank you for coming and see you again next year! Check out more pictures on our [facebook](#) page

Another group of internationally educated health care professionals fine-tuned their communication skills with their colleagues in the [Clear Communication for Health Professionals group](#). "Awesome, informative and highly educative," says Vasu, a nurse from India.

Steppan, Director of Government Relations, from the Association of Science & Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET) presented an info-session to our clients in June. Eric and Mat talked about the resources that ASET provides to internationally educated technologists.

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