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85% of our PEBC (OSCE) Study Group Participants Passed!



85% of our internationally educated pharmacists clients who participated last November in the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Qualifying Exam Part II PEBC QE II (OSCE) study group successfully passed the exam.

Directions for Immigrants began offering study groups for the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Qualifying Evaluating Exam PEBC (EE) in 2007 and for the PEBC QE I (MCQ) and PEBC QE II (OSCE) in 2008. To date, Directions has offered 56 pharmacy study groups, and a total of 57 internationally educated pharmacists have become licensed in Canada.

Darlene Baker, career coach and facilitator of the pharmacy study groups notes three challenges internationally educated pharmacists face when pursuing accreditation: understanding that a proactive customer service is an expectation of the pharmacy practice; learning the commercial

names of drugs; and engaging in long hours of study after being out of school for many years. Darlene points out some of the strengths of the Directions' study groups. "High quality written materials, structure, and access to Canadian pharmacist facilitators who clarify pharmacy concepts. These strengths constitute the fundamental pillars of our study groups," she says.

Ankita Kalra, an internationally educated pharmacist contacted Directions for Immigrants to ask for guidance with the licensing process. She received one on one coaching from a career coach and support with her job search and the accreditation process. "Darlene, my coach had been a very good help" said Ankita. Darlene also referred her to other services and she participated in all three pharmacy study group sessions PEBC (EE, QE I MCQ and QE II OSCE). "The study groups helped me a lot in the preparation. It put me on the right path and gave me a schedule and confidence to give the best in the exam" said Ankita who recently become licensed with the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP) and is working as a licensed pharmacist.

Our upcoming PEBC (EE) study group will start on February 4, 2015. PEBC QE I (MCQ) and PEBC QE II (OSCE) study groups will start on March 5, 2015. To determine eligibility requirements please call 403-770-5155, toll free 1-877-297-2553 or email us to book an appointment.



Another success story!

Juan Gallo Llorente is an industrial engineer with 9 years of experience in power generation. He came to Directions for Immigrants and accessed several services including one on one coaching for his job search and interview preparation. Juan participated in the Networking and Job Leads workshop series and the Clear Communication for Business job success group. Juan says his career coach Patrick gave him "great advice on how to network and search for job opportunities". Juan was invited for a job interview by a company in Ontario and asked Patrick to help him with a mock phone interview which "helped me move on to the next step in the hiring process." said Juan. Congratulations to Juan, he accepted a job offer as a Project Coordinator.



Holiday Open House Party

Thank you for attending the Directions for Immigrants Holiday Open House 2014. It was a joyful afternoon that we shared with colleagues, clients and their families and community partners. Santa was a special guest at our party. He was so cheerful and jolly! Great job Santa! We would also like to thank you for all the Food Bank donations. We look forward to see you again in our upcoming events!



Clear Communication for Health Professionals

Develop your essential communication skills and improve your success in the Canadian workplace. Topics include overcoming communication barriers, interacting professionally in the workplace and Canadian workplace culture. This interactive group is offered to eligible clients (who have met with a Career Coach and have an action plan). If you do not have an action plan



Fundamentals of Engineering

Has APEGA assigned you the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam? Directions for Immigrants invites you to join the Fundamentals of Engineering study group. Participants receive weekly practice mock exams and professional guidance from a licensed engineer. Sessions run on Wednesdays (peer study) 5:30 to 9:00 pm and Saturdays (facilitated) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The next



Networking Session with Adecco

Dustin Bakala, Permanent Placement Consultant and Mikendra Dini, Permanent Placement Specialist from Adecco/ Roevin Recruiting Services presented the company's divisions, recruitment practices and job market hiring techniques to Directions for Immigrants' clients during an Industry Networking Session in December. Dustin advised clients to research organizations that align with

please call 403-770-5155.
Sessions run Monday to
Friday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.
The upcoming group starts
February 23 to February 27,
2015.

group starts February 21 to
June 13, 2015.

their current career goals and
he gave them some Interview
tips: "focus on identifying your
core competencies and
connecting them to your
unique skills, training, or
professional experiences!"

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