

Social Work in Waterloo Region

***A five month Bridge Training Program to help prepare
Internationally Educated Professionals for work in the Social Work field***

Thirty highly qualified, diversely skilled people have completed this rigorous program, and another 15 are currently participating. They bring a wide range of experiences from their home countries and are intentionally pursuing work in Waterloo Region. Program components include:

- **Social Work Fundamentals;** 50 hours; taught by Wilfrid Laurier Faculty of Social Work
- **Practicum Work Placement;** 140 hours; providing sector specific work experience; a wide range of community organizations provide these placements
- **Career Path Series;** 74 hours; an in-depth exploration of the Social Work sector, educational planning, and job search
- **Advanced English for Social Work;** 23 hours
- **Computer Training;** 60 hours; based on Essential Skills for Social Work
- **Links to Mentors, Employers, Credential Assessments and Educational opportunities**

We welcome your involvement in this project:

- Consider graduates of Social Work in Waterloo Region for any upcoming positions (either full-time opportunities or part-time contracts) you may be posting.
- Create a work-placement opportunity that builds skills and sector specific knowledge.
- Participate in information interviews; provide a tour of your social work workplace.
- Become a mentor.
- Participate in ongoing discussions about building diversity in the workplace.

Please call us to talk more about these options or any ideas you may have.

Contact Dori Ferr at The Working Centre (519 743-1151 x233), or John Woodley at Extend A Family (519 741-0190 x230).

Based on the success of this project, we have submitted a request for further funding from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.



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