

## Bridge Work Experience 12A

The Bridge Work Experience 12A Program is designed to support immigrant youth aged 16-19 years within their first 3 years in Canada by providing a series of employment related workshops and guided volunteer placements. The purpose is to connect youth to various community and school-based partners to access further education, employment and/ or programs. The combination of workshops and volunteering programs are based on providing learning experiences that are enhanced by using the community businesses as potential connections that open up access to youth.

### Target Participants:

- Immigrant youth aged 16-19 years
- New to Canada (less than 3 years) and Permanent Resident
- English level:
  - Foundations 2/3 (Adult Education) **or**
  - Emerging/Developing (Secondary Assessment) **or**
  - CLB level 3/4 (Canadian Language Benchmark)

### Goals: students will:

- learn practical workplace skills through a series of engaging workshops
- integrate knowledge and practical skills through on-the-job volunteer experiences
- develop meaningful short and long term goals for either education or career programs
- build social and life skills such as goal setting, critical thinking and problem solving
- develop the soft skills/confidence in order to access jobs in Canada
- develop skills in group dynamics, cross cultural communication skills

### Workshop Themes:

This series of workshops will support the learning and development of the following skills:

- Adjustment: Settling into re-employment
- Settlement Counselling: Labour market information and orientation
- Adjustment: Canadian Culture
- Job Skills: Basic computer skills (resume & cover letter)
- Job Skills: Volunteer Mentorship
- Interpersonal management: Goal Setting
- Soft Skills: Self-management and esteem
- Soft Skills: Interview Skills

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