

### **BRIDGE CO-OP PROGRAM**

The Welcome Centre Bridge Co-op is a full year program designed to provide newcomer ELL students with concentrated literacy and numeracy support combined with opportunities to explore career options through volunteer work experience. Students will have the opportunity to work towards a transition to Invergarry's Adult Graduation Program or a potential career explorations pathway.

#### **Participants:**

Ideal participants are immigrant youth aged 16 to 18 years within their first 3 years in Canada, who have arrived with one or more of the following experiences/challenges:

- Significant literacy and education gaps resulting in low English skills.
- Significant social and communication barriers due to language and cultural differences.

#### **Program Goals:**

The goals of the program are for students to have the opportunity to:

- Improve their ability to effectively communicate in English by building upon their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.
- Focus on the extending strategies needed to read, research, and write successfully in English through course work in Academic Language ELL-10 and Literary Studies -11 and prepare to potentially take English 12.
- Develop numeracy skills and work towards completion of Math 11 requirements.
- Complete a minimum 90 hours Work Experience (WEX-12A) with the possibility of a second work experience and WEX-12B credit.
- Complete CLC-12.
- Learn about educational and trades programs.
- Learn how to get your driver's license, develop a resume, interview skills.
- Develop computer skills.
- Develop meaningful short- and long-term goals for either education or career development.
- Gain valuable work skills and experience in a volunteer work placement.
- Build life skills, social successes, and confidence through Skills for Success-12 competencies.
- Develop an understanding of Canadian culture.
- Receive Settlement Support from SWIS and MCWs.
- Create a greater awareness of available Community Services and how to access those Services.

#### **SD36 English Language Learner Welcome Centre**

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**Sample Program Timetable:**

Semester-1	Semester-2
Academic Language for ELL - 10	Literary Studies - 11
Workplace Mathematics - 11	Workplace Mathematics - 11
Skills for Success - 12	Skills for Success - 12
CLC - 12 & WEX - 12A	CLC - 12 & WEX - 12B

**Location:**

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**Registration Process:**

School Counsellor and ELL Teacher should discuss the suitability of this program with the student and parents. SWIS and MCW from the Welcome Centre can be available to support communication with the family. If the family and school agree that the Bridge Co-op Program is a suitable pathway for the student, then the student's counsellor needs to complete and submit this [Bridge Co-op Program Referral](#) Form to the Welcome Centre (Courier #301). Please note that space in the program will be limited and program courses may be subject to change.

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