



## Information on George Brown College's Career and Work Counsellor – ESL Stream for Internationally Educated Professionals

George Brown College is offering a Career and Work Counsellor – ESL Stream program for internationally educated professionals. Information on the program can be found at:

<http://www.georgebrown.ca/Marketing/FTCal/comsrv/C129.aspx>

**Here's a summary of how the program is specially designed to focus on the needs of internationally trained professionals:**

- The Career and Work Counsellor program – ESL Stream is a 16 month program that is specifically designed to help newcomers to Canada enter the Career and Work Counsellor field.
- It includes four months of specialized English language instruction designed for ESL students in this program.
- Through a combination of classroom study and supervised placements, students are prepared to deliver career counseling services that are professional, informed and current. The Field Placement will allow students to gain Canadian work experience.
- Students in this program will be integrated into the regular Career and Work Counsellor program in order to graduate with the same education, diploma and professional certifications.

### Frequently Asked Questions about the C129 program

#### 1. Why is George Brown offering a Career and Work Counsellor – ESL Stream Program for internationally educated professionals?

The Career and Work Counsellor – ESL Stream program was developed to reflect the rapidly changing field of career counseling, and addresses the special, diverse requirements of the Greater Toronto Area. This unique program is only offered at George Brown College and provides a unique opportunity to study with instructors who understand the needs of professionals educated abroad.

#### 2. What are the admission requirements for the Career and Work Counsellor program for Internationally Educated Professionals?

- Some post-secondary education strongly preferred. English Language Proficiency at a suitable level (determined through post-application testing).

### **3. Why do employers choose our graduates?**

Employers in this field choose George Brown graduates because our graduates are informed about current educational and occupational trends, make appropriate referrals, utilize vocational assessment tools, and are skilled counselors and group facilitators.

### **4. What kind of work will I find when I complete the program?**

Graduates will be prepared for a variety of employment settings, with opportunities in the non-profit, governmental and corporate sectors. They may find work as career counselors, career development practitioners, career technicians, worker rehabilitation assistants, corporate career planners, job search facilitators, employment counselors, vocational assessors, career specialists or career information service providers.

### **5. What are some of the courses offered in the program?**

Some of the topics that will be covered include individual and group counseling, assessment, job-search preparation, career management, human rights legislation and diversity. Students will learn to advise and counsel others on career planning, career change, career revision and school-to-work transition sometimes related to injury, illness, inappropriate career choice or job loss.

### **6. Where is the program being offered, and when does it start?**

- The program will be offered at George Brown's St. James Campus, 200 King St. E.. George Brown College is very convenient and accessible. St. James Campus is located on King St. E (take the King streetcar to Jarvis and walk one block east on King).
- The next program will start September 2007.

### **7. How much does it cost?**

Costs for the 12 month academic year 2006/2007 are \$4,480. The anticipated cost for the fourth semester is \$1,500. Exact costs for the 2007/2008 academic years have not yet been released. In addition, students need to budget for books and other materials at the estimated cost of \$250 per semester.

### **8. What financial assistance options do I have?**

George Brown College has great support in helping students apply for financial assistance. Please visit the Financial Assistance Office at either of our campuses (St. James or Casa Loma), or visit us at <http://www.georgebrown.ca/financialaid/>.

Their assistance includes working with you to set up reasonable payment schedules of your fees and tuition. George Brown also offers a number of bursaries and merit scholarships for which you may be eligible.

## **9. What is the process for applying to the program?**

You must apply through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS). For more information about this process, please visit the following website:

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca), or follow the George Brown Link at:

<http://www.georgebrown.ca/Marketing/FTCal/apply.html>

All applicants will be asked to attend a 2 hour information session on the program, write a letter of personal goals and intent, supply 3 references and successfully complete an interview process. Information and interview sessions can be booked by calling 416-415-5000 x 2185.

## **10. Where can I get more information?**

You can attend a George Brown College Information Session to find out more about this program, or visit us online at: [www.georgebrown.ca](http://www.georgebrown.ca) and search C129 to sign up for updates so you can learn the latest about this new offering.

You can also call Gillian Johnston at 416-415-5000 ext. 3646.