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National Professional Practice Exam Study Group participants - July 2012

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The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) regulates the Engineering and Geoscience professions in the province.

Internationally educated engineers and geoscientists must meet this regulatory body's requirements to become licensed. One of the requirements is to successfully pass the National Professional Practice Exam (NPPE), which is a two-hour, 100 multiple choice question examination on law, ethics and professionalism.

95% of the participants who completed the study group in July at Directions successfully passed the NPPE. With them, the total adds to over 238 examinees who

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have completed a study group at Directions and scored a passing mark. Since 2007, the NPPE study groups have been offered four times a year to help participants prepare for the exam. Falah Owaina, who has a PhD in Geophysics from Iraq

recently completed the NPPE study group and passed the exam. He felt highly motivated as soon as he joined the group. “The group discussions and doing the homework are activities that increase the possibilities of passing the exam,” says Falah.

He also commented on the facilitators' expertise and resources such as the sample quizzes and study materials that “you can't find anywhere else.” Likewise, Ejike Ezejiogor, an internationally

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educated mechanical engineer from Nigeria with nine years of experience, just passed the exam in July. "Joining the NPPE study group was very helpful as it gave me the opportunity to digest the information. I looked forward to coming every week to discuss the material I have read." Ejike just found a job as a project coordinator for an oil and gas company in Calgary.

Sadaqat Said is an internationally educated petroleum engineer from Pakistan with experience in petroleum, production, management and reservoir engineering in the oil and gas industry. He just passed the NPPE. "The facilitators are very knowledgeable. Through our group discussions I learned what it is required to be a licensed professional engineer," says Sadaqat, who just got a job as a Reserve and Evaluation Engineer for DeGolyer & MacNaughton Canada Limited. Sadaqat worked with his career coach on his job search in addition to joining the NPPE study group.

Patrick Cotter, career coach at Directions who coordinates the NPPE study group, indicates that there is no doubt becoming accredited will bring you more opportunities and potential for professional growth." In addition, employers tend to select candidates who either have initiated or completed their licensing process in times of economic downturns. □

**Upcoming NPPE
study group
dates:
January 23 or 26,
2013**

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Sadaqat, internationally educated petroleum engineer



New Fundamentals of Engineering Study Group

This fall Directions for Immigrants will be offering a Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) study group to help internationally educated engineers prepare for the accreditation exam that may be required as part of the accreditation process with APEGA. A pilot group ran from January to April and the upcoming group will start in November. According to Carlos Batista, licensed engineer and facilitator of the group, the participants will:

- ◆ Receive support, general guidelines and recommendations for success in FE Exam
- ◆ Measure their performance through quizzes and a mock exam
- ◆ Review and clarify fundamental concepts
- ◆ Share strategies to solve engineering problems

24 International Medical Graduates successfully passed licensing exam



The National Assessment Collaboration Objective Structured Clinical Examination (NAC OSCE) is required as part of the licensing process that international medical graduates (IMGs) have to pursue in Alberta prior to competing for residency. It consists of a series of stations simulating medical situations that involve interactions with standardized (simulated) patients.

24 IMGs who completed the study group at Directions for Immigrants successfully passed the exam, which represents a success rate of 100% for this group.

This summer Directions for Immigrants again ran, as part of the study group, a practice clinical exam (OSCE) at the University of Calgary's Medical Skills Centre. The purpose was to help clients prepare for the NAC OSCE. The practice exam allows participants to understand the style, format and expectations of the real exam, according to Cayti Beyer, career coach at Directions. The practice OSCE was a "fantastic opportunity" for Simon, one of the participants. "No other element helped me prepare more for the reality of this exam than this study group," he said.

For the successful candidates passing the NAC OSCE "the next step is to take the Multiple Mini Interview assessment in November," explains Cayti. Congratulations to all our clients! □



Participants getting ready for the exam

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National Professional Practice Exam (NPPE)

January 23—April 10, 2013 OR January 26, 2012— April 13, 2013



Medical Laboratory Science

Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science Certification Exam

February 23—June 8, 2013



Nursing

Canadian Registered Nurse Examination

February 26—May 28, 2013



Pharmacy

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Evaluating Exam

February 9—June 22, 2013 OR March 6—June 26, 2013

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March 7—May 16, 2013



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