



Directions for Immigrants in  
Trades and Professional Careers

## Directions Headlines

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### Kalah Conteh's Success Story!



*“This study group was an eye opener for me. I personally followed all the tips from my career coach, and I will say I am glad I did, because it yielded the right result for me, I passed my exam!”*

***Kalah Conteh***

***Registered Psychiatric Nurse / Former Study  
Group Participant***

In January 2015 The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®) replaced the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE).

At Directions for Immigrants, we offer no-cost study groups for internationally educated professionals preparing for licensing examinations. We have had great success with our CRNE study group and on May 30 we started our first NCLEX-RN group. We have delivered 30 nursing study groups to date and have an 82% success rate.

Kalah Conteh is one of multiple success stories from our CRNE study groups. Kalah had been struggling with his job search and credentials recognition. He also encountered challenges in his attempt to write the CRPNE exam required as part of the licensing process with the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta (CRPNA). He started to lose hope and gave up on attaining his career goals. This is when one of his friends referred him to Directions for Immigrants and he decided to call and book an appointment with a career coach. Kalah followed his coach's instructions and registered in multiple workshops related to his career goal. "I will personally encourage everyone to attend this study group and workshops and pay attention to every detail and tip provided by the coaches. These tips are so important, they helped me to structure my time, my study plan, organize my family commitment and improve on my studies and even helped with my concentration," said Kalah.

Kalah completed the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE) study group at Directions for Immigrants and successfully passed the exam. Kalah obtained a position as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse. Recently, he was promoted to a Program Facilitator with Alberta Health Services. You can check Kalah's story on YouTube using this link <https://youtu.be/xiJxRgPDDLs>



### **Another success story!**

"I started my new job two weeks ago and it is exactly what I was looking for," said Victoria Belikov, an internationally educated mechanical engineer with over 15 years of experience. Victoria had an action plan with a career coach and attended several workshops. For Victoria, those workshops were tools that should be mainstay for any person who's trying to adapt in a new environment and is looking for a job. "I really enjoyed the Clear Communication for Business job success group. It was a great way to learn and was extremely useful for me. I know that the work Directions for Immigrants is doing is incredibly important and essential to us - newcomers," said Victoria who's currently employed as a CAD Technician.



### **We moved back to West Campus**

As many of you know the building we had moved to in June 2013 was heavily damaged due to the flood. We have been at a temporary location at the South Campus of Bow Valley College.

As of March 30, 2015, we have moved back to the West Campus. Our new location offers more space and plenty of light! Come visit us at our west campus location.

Please make sure to take note of our new address:

Directions for Immigrants  
Bow Valley College, West Campus  
Room 219, 300 6 Ave SE  
Calgary, AB T2G 0G5



### **Clear Communication for Health Professionals**

Develop your essential communication skills and improve your success in the



### **Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Evaluating Exam (PEBC EE)**

Are you an internationally educated pharmacist



### **Networking Session with APEGA**

Enayat Aminzadah,  
International Qualification Services Manager at the

Canadian health workplace. Topics include overcoming communication barriers, interacting professionally in the workplace and Canadian workplace culture. This interactive group is offered to eligible clients who have met with a Career Coach and have an action plan. If you do not have an action plan please call 403-770-5155. Sessions run Monday to Friday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The upcoming group runs July 13 to July 17, 2015.

planning to become licensed in Alberta?  
Get the tools and support you need to pass your pharmacy licensing examinations. Sessions run on Wednesdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The next group runs September 2 to December 22, 2015.

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) presented on March 6 to Directions' clients on how to get licensed as a Professional Engineer or Geoscientist with (APEGA). Mr Aminzadah provided information to our clients about: the Canadian engineering and geoscience licensing system, APEGA's mandate, various licenses and designations and members benefits and services.

## Workshops Summer 2015

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