



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Enhanced Language Training Program Seeks Participants

The Saskatoon Open Door Society, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association, is pleased to announce that the Enhanced Language Training (ELT) program will be accepting applications for participants on July 9, 2012 with **the deadline for applications being August 3, 2012**; programming commences on September 4, 2012 and runs until April 12, 2013.

The ELT program assists internationally-trained professional immigrants in effectively transferring their knowledge, skills and experience into the Saskatchewan labour market. The program involves 15 weeks of English language training, with a focus on Saskatchewan's labour market, which takes place Monday to Friday for four hours per day. It also provides participants with the opportunity to work with a mentor from within their field. The classroom training is followed by an unpaid work experience placement in order to gain Canadian work experience in the participant's field.

The program is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents and temporary residents who:

- (a) have lived in Canada for 5 years or less;
- (b) are legally entitled to work in Canada;
- (c) have a degree, diploma, or certificate from outside of Canada;
- (d) meet language requirements of CLB level 5-8; and
- (e) *must be looking for work* in one of the following fields:
 - Health Professions (nurses, doctors, pharmacists);
 - Trades (automotive, metals, construction, plumbing, electrical);
 - Business, Finance and Administrative services (auditors, accountants, investors);
 - Social, Education and Government services (professors, social workers, public administration);
 - Natural and applied sciences (engineers, biologists, chemists, electronic technicians).

To find out more about the program, interested individuals are invited to attend an Information Session. There will be four Information Sessions, all held at the Saskatoon Open Door Society's Language Training Centre at 247 - 1st Avenue N.

The dates and times of the Information Sessions are:

Friday,	July 13	at 10:00am
Thursday,	July 19	at 3:00pm
Wednesday,	July 25	at 6:00pm
Friday,	August 3	at 10:00am

Immigrants who wish to apply to this program can find application forms at the *Saskatoon Open Door Society*, the *Saskatchewan Intercultural Association* and the *Newcomer Information Centre*. Interested immigrants may also receive application forms via the Saskatoon Open Door Society website:

<http://www.sods.sk.ca/EmploymentServicesandPrograms.aspx>. There are 30 positions available.

All completed application forms must be received no later than Friday, August 3, 2012.

For additional information or to apply, please contact:

ELT Life/Work Advisor

Saskatoon Open Door Society

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