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Yukon government to boost foreign-trained accountants' skills

WHITEHORSE—Newcomers to Canada with a background in financial management now have an opportunity to receive specialized training to pursue those careers in Yukon.

"The Yukon government is responding to employers' demand for staff with financial management skills," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "At the same time, we are assisting new Yukoners who have trained abroad but require some support to succeed in the local workplace."

The Department of Education is accepting applications from new residents of Canada, new Canadian citizens and foreign workers until January 15, 2016.

From January to May 2016, participants will attend evening and weekend courses, available in the classroom or online. They will include coursework in business communications, workplace culture, job seeking skills, and Yukon First Nations history and culture.

Participants will also receive assessments to determine what level of upgrading they need. Depending on individuals' skill levels and goals, the accounting coursework takes between six months and two years.

This program is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada and the Government of Yukon. The participants will be responsible for financing their certification and may access newcomer microloans.

Learn more:

Accountant bridging program

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