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Yukon's international health professionals receive more support

WHITEHORSE—A pilot fund will provide \$70,000 over the next three years to help internationally educated health professionals integrate into Yukon's health care system.

"The Internationally Educated Health Professional Pilot Fund is available to support health professionals who studied outside Canada by helping them with the costs of getting their international qualifications recognized and integrating into the health workforce," Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham said. "Activities they can get help with include English language proficiency tests, competency assessment fees and education to bridge gaps."

Internationally educated health professionals living in Yukon can receive up to 66 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2,000 per fiscal year, if they are studying part-time or \$5,000 if they are studying full-time.

The fund is part of a contribution agreement related to Health Canada's IEHP Initiative to identify and build supports that enable health professionals trained in other countries to use their education and integrate fully into the health care workforce.

"The Yukon government is also developing a comprehensive website to assist health professionals wanting to work in Yukon. It will contain helpful information, such as paths to getting licensed and finding employment in health care within Yukon," Graham added.

For more information about the fund, visit www.hss.gov.yk.ca/iehp.php or contact Kim Dolhan at 867-667-5695.

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