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Canadian newcomers getting career-ready in accountant bridging program

WHITEHORSE—Thirteen newcomers to Yukon are participating in an accountant bridging program to prepare them for working in the financial management field.

"We are excited about the professional opportunities available for participants in this program as they expand their skills for the Yukon job market," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "The participants are successfully developing the necessary skills to create a strong career in our territory and fulfill a need for skilled accounting and finance professionals."

The program helps participants to develop skills in business communications, Canadian culture, finance and accounting, and essential software programs such as Simply Accounting. Participants are currently halfway through the program which ends this summer.

Students in the program are newcomers to Canada who have either formal training or work experience in financial management. When the program is complete, many participants will go on to participate in further training programs through a college, university or a Canadian Professional Accounting program.

"This program is helping me develop a better understanding of Canadian workplace culture and business communication practices," accountant bridging program student Marilyn Bell said. "After finishing the program, I hope to use my skills to take further courses in accounting and ready myself for a career in accounting and finance in Canada."

The accountant bridging program is funded in part by Employment and Skills Development Canada and is based on a curriculum from the Edmonton Mennonite Centre that has been updated to provide a Yukon context for participants.

Learn more: Accountant bridging program

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