



Internationally Educated Professionals  
Bridging Program, Business & IT

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



# WELCOME!

Information Session + Meet & Greet  
Wed. Jan 20, 2010, 6-8pm





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# Agenda

- 6pm: Registration
- 6:15pm: Welcome
- 6:20pm: Business & IT options
- 6:30pm: Program overview & How to apply
- 6:50pm: Questions & answers
- 7pm: Networking “Meet & Greet”  
and/or document processing
- 8pm: Event ends



## Program Goal

- Provide foreign-educated professionals the opportunity to fill gaps necessary for obtaining meaningful Ontario employment in their field of expertise.
- Work with groups to create opportunities for skilled immigrants to connect to the local labour market.
- Work with employers to build awareness and ability to better integrate skilled immigrants into the workforce.



**Kelly Thomson**

Faculty Lead



# Business & IT options



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## Accounting

Sandra Iacobelli

Chartered Accountant, Certified Management Accountant,  
Certified General Accountant.

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## Auditing

Joanne Jones



## Disaster & Emergency Management

Niru Nirupama

Business Continuity Planner, Disaster Recovery Coordinator,  
Emergency Manager, Public Policy Analyst.

# Business & IT options



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## **Finance**, Chris Robinson

Corporate financial manager, financial planner, investment adviser, investment portfolio manager, finance department of a company, in any financial services firm - banks, insurance companies, credit unions, investment dealers - or work independently as a professional adviser.



## **Information Technology**, Younes Benslimane

Application Developer, Client Support Specialist, Network and Database Administrator, Director of IT Operations, Systems Analyst.



## **Logistics/Supply Chain Mgmt**, Adriano Solis

Logistics and Supply Chain Manager,  
Operational Researcher



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## **Management, Jon Kerr**

Business Consultant, Business Manager, CEO, Employee Relations Manager, Entrepreneur.



## **Marketing, Alex Rusetski**

Creative Director, Designer, Integrated Marketing Communications Manager, Marketing Manager, Promotions Coordinator, Account Executive.



## **Public Administration, Alena Kimakova**

Public Servant, Government Relations Manager, Management Consultant, Researcher, Manager of a Non-Profit Organization.





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# Program overview

## How to apply



## Phase I: Foundation Skills

- English language training
- Mathematics
- Professional writing
- Business: Fundamentals of Canadian Business Law and Ethics; Canadian Business Culture & Management Skills.
- IT: Management Skills for IT Professionals in Canada; Object-Oriented Programming.

## Program details (cont'd)



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### Phase II: Specialized Skills

- 30 credits of York University upper-level coursework, as per individual recommendation from faculty champion.
- Incorporates two courses in:
  - specialized training in professionally relevant computing skills; and
  - a professionally-relevant Experiential Education course that will allow participants direct experience working in the GTA for profit or not-for-profit organization.



## Program details (cont'd)



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### Ongoing

- Comprehensive assessment of your education and skills
- Mentorship: peer, alumni and professional
- Networking opportunities
- Laptop loan program
- Orientation
- Access to York student support services (Career Centre, Writing Centre, Libraries...)



## Program length



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- Phase I: 1-2 semesters; Phase II in another 1-2 semesters, for a total of 8 to 16 months, 15-20 hours/week.
- Part-time & full-time options.
- English: Intensive training for 20 hours/week prior to May start date.  
Starts March 1 and runs for 8 weeks.
  - English testing Jan 22 or Jan 28

## Program costs



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- York application fee: \$80
- English Language placement test: \$60
- Phase I: no charge (an over \$5,000 value), paid from the support of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.
- Phase II: York University tuition for 30 credits in 09-10 is \$6,464 (subject to change; check registrar web site for current fees). An award of up to \$3500 is available to help cover the costs.
- Ongoing Fees
  - Books for courses
  - Transportation to campus



# How to apply



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- Step 1: Complete the York Application
- Step 2: Complete the IEP Bridging Program Supplemental Information Form
- Step 3: Submit the York Application, IEP supplemental form and all supporting documents
- Timelines
  - 4-6 weeks to process your application
  - Applying for May? Submit in February
  - Need English training? Submit ASAP

# Application checklist



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- York application (fee: \$80 with application)
- Supplemental information form (no charge)
- Official transcripts of academic degrees (photocopies will be accepted until official transcripts are available)
- Current resume or CV detailing your education and professional experience
- One page written statement – no more than 250 words – describe your professional background and career & education objectives in Canada
- Proof of Ontario residency (copy of Ontario driver's licence, Ontario Health Card)
- Proof of eligibility to work in Canada (copy of Citizenship, Permanent Resident Card, Landed Immigrant status)
- The following items, if applicable:
  - Photocopies of language proficiency test scores
  - Proof of equivalency to Canadian academic degree





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# Questions & answers

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Please stay with us and speak  
one-on-one with a Faculty Champion  
in your area of focus.

We'd love to meet you!

