

IMPROVE LANGUAGE SKILLS

FREE OSLT TRAINING

If you are new to Canada and want to improve your workplace communication skills, then Occupation-specific Language Training (OSLT) may be right for you.

The initiative by Colleges Ontario, funded by CIC (Citizenship and Immigration Canada), provides you with free, occupation-specific language training courses offered by 13 Ontario colleges that will teach you the language and workplace culture skills required to communicate effectively in your job.

OSLT offers workplace communication courses in the following sectors: Business, health sciences, human services, skilled trades, and technology. For more information, visit co-oslt.org.

Adriana Costa is currently attending the OSLT program in Health Sciences at Boréal College in Toronto. "I have a friend who studied at Boréal and she told me about this course. I researched it on the Internet, then I discovered some information on the course. I realized it was perfect for me."



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You can choose between courses designed for several specific employment sectors, including business, health sciences, human services, construction, automotive trades, and technology.

Costa is a registered nurse and has been living here for one year. "In my last country, I worked in nursing for more than 10 years. I am 100 per cent sure that this course is very useful for me because I had TOEFL, but I had to work more with my communication skills," she says.

The OSLT program can help you with employment. As Costa explains, "I got a job as a personal services worker one month ago and I had the opportunity to practise everything that I've learned at Collège Boréal in the school in this course. It's more than just English; it's communications skills, because now I feel confident to reach my goals in this country."

HUMBER'S PRACTICAL PROGRAMS

Humber's e-Business Marketing degree has a great track record of graduates getting jobs. Paul Griffin, associate dean of the Business School, attributes this success to a more hands-on application.

"It's more practical and more applied than a typical four-year degree that you see out there," he explains. "We're also directed by employers. That's what they like to see in the program and it's in response to what they've asked for."

Humber's unique Bachelor of Applied Business degree blends e-commerce with marketing. A practical focus means that Humber students spend more time in computer labs. For Eli Lewin, co-ordinator of the e-Business degree program, it is exciting to see his students being successful in their careers. "Students, in addition to getting a bachelor of commerce, students here study more computer subjects," he says. For a



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number of the courses, "the third hour they spend in the computer lab, it is very practical."

Wassim Heemataly graduated from Humber's e-Business Marketing degree program in 2011 and completed a paid co-op at MDG Computers. He now works at TD Auto Financial Services as a bilingual resolutions associate. He was hired by TD one business day after his interview.

"I was thrilled to get my first job after completing my degree, especially after the very first interview. Nevertheless, within a week's time, I was hired as a bilingual customer service representative. My degree helped me in various ways, most importantly, it helped me hone tremendous skills to be successful in any workplace."