

Dear Canadian Nurse,

Thank you for your interest in partnering with an Internationally Educated Nurse. Red River College has established the **Internationally Educated Nurses Workplace Partnership Program** which partners Canadian nurses with Internationally Educated Nurses.

Red River's Nursing Department is currently operating a Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN's) – which is a program which helps IEN's receive their qualification and nursing license to practice in Canada. Incorporated into this program is a "partnership" project that pairs the current IEN students with Canadian RN's. We are currently looking for 21 currently employed R.N's to participate in this voluntarily program.

The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for all participants to gain valuable cross cultural communication skills, learn about other cultures, and discuss the realities facing nurses both domestically and internationally. For Internationally Educated Nurses, the Workplace Partnership Program provides an opportunity to learn more about Canadian nursing practices, profession and workplace culture. Canadian nurses benefit by welcoming a new nurse to Winnipeg, learning more about other cultures, and discussing local and global nursing issues.

Partnerships will meet for a minimum of 1-hour per week for 10 weeks, at a time and place of mutual agreement. The program also includes an initial orientation meeting, a program completion event, and ongoing support during the program.

Currently a 3-hour orientation to the program and cross-cultural training session for the Canadian R.N's is planned for April 2009, after which partnerships will start meeting on their own. All participants will receive a participation certificate from Red River College upon completion of the program.

The Internationally Educated Nurses Workplace Partnership Program is an excellent opportunity with many benefits; however space in the program is limited so if you are interested or for more information please contact:

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You can fax or mail in your applications, or please email me if you would like to be sent an electronic form that you can fill in and email back.

Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you,

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