

Alternative Career Transitions



for International Legal Professionals



Alternative Career Transitions (ACT) for International Legal Professionals provides focused training and employment services to assist internationally trained legal professionals in their search for employment.



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Internationally trained legal professionals continue to make Canada their new home. Highly motivated to begin a new life, they are eager to contribute their skills and knowledge to the community.

Employment on the same level as the career they left behind is in most cases not possible. Immigrants lack Canadian certification, licensing and Canadian work experience. The best solution is alternative employment.

Alternative Career Transitions (ACT) for International Legal Professionals was developed to address this need. ACT provides focused training and direction to legal professionals on how to utilize their skills and experience in securing alternative employment.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION



ACT provides a link for employers to legal professionals seeking employment. Funded by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the staffing services provided by ACT are at no cost to you.

Consider how an international legal professional can fit into your organization:

- Full-time or part-time
- Contract or term or casual
- Volunteer opportunities
- Mentoring
- Job shadowing.

Ideas and discussion about creating new employment initiatives and partnerships are very welcome.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ACT is delivered in Ottawa, over a six week period, and provides international legal professionals (ILP) with a comprehensive employment preparation program.

The objective of ACT is to ensure that ILP can transition into alternative legal sector employment where their skills and knowledge may be utilized to the fullest extent.

To provide the most pertinent and practical information possible to the ILP, workshops of ACT are facilitated by lawyers, business professionals and specialized program staff.

Topics and areas covered in the course of study include:

- *The Canadian legal system*
- *Terminology and communication in the Canadian legal environment*
- *Employer and workplace culture*
- *Labour market knowledge*
- *Support with resumé and interview preparation*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Program applicants are individually assessed and evaluated based on:

- *Work experience and education in country of origin*
- *Minimum Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) Level 7 (English)*
- *Eagerness to explore alternative employment*

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy

International Legal Professionals offer you:

- **Enthusiasm** for developing a new career
- **Courage** as they challenge themselves
- **Perseverance** and willingness to put in the time it takes to get the job done
- **Creativity** in finding solutions to problems and unique situations
- **Interpersonal Skills** enhanced by diverse backgrounds
- **Continuing Education** mind-set
- **Analytical Skills** and ability to make sense of large volumes of information
- **Research Skills** honed to find and comprehend pertinent information

To learn more about how an International Legal Professional (ILP) may meet your staffing requirements, contact:

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