

Skills Advance Ontario-Healthcare Initiatives

Northwest Employment Works is happy to help spread the word about a great new initiative that is available throughout Northwestern Ontario. Confederation College has received funding to offer a SkillsAdvance Ontario (SAO) – Healthcare Initiative.

SkillsAdvance Ontario is a workforce development initiative intended to address the demand for Healthcare Professionals. SAO Healthcare supports partnerships between employers and training providers to ensure a pool of job-ready, skilled workers that meet the workforce development needs of employers.

Healthcare Programs Offered through this project:

- Personal Support Worker (PSW)
- Home and Community Support Worker (HCSW)
- Medical Lab Assistant (MLA) (funding eligible participants for fall 2022)

Participants are Eligible to Receive Funding for:

- Tuition and textbooks, supplies and uniforms
- Other program requirements (e.g., criminal reference check, mask fit testing etc.)

Benefits of the Program Include:

- Academic upgrading
- High quality instruction
- Classroom, lab, clinical placements, and preceptorship opportunities
- Programs offered in multiple locations
- Employment support following graduation

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age or older *Exceptions apply if student is legally excused from high school
- Be a resident of Ontario and legally entitled to work in Canada
- Be unemployed, underemployed or on the payroll of a participating employer
- Not be participating in any full-time education or occupational training (exceptions can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
- Not be participating in any other government funded training that offers the support of same tuition/training fees
- Not be in a senior management position, executive position or have a controlling interest in the business
- Hold a High School diploma or equivalent

For more information, please contact:

new@confederationcollege.ca

Mining Job Fair/Information Session

Northwest Employment Works has recently had great success with hosting Impala in our Thunder Bay office. We were happy to see all 123 applicants who came out to see what Impala has to offer. Impala was so happy with the event they have asked to come again in the Spring, and NEW is more than happy to host them!

There is going to be an online career fair called [Mining the Northwest](#), taking place virtually on December 1st, 2021. HR staff can view resumes uploaded by jobseekers and reach out to the most interesting candidates live. There will be opportunities for job seekers to chat with HR in virtual meeting rooms. NEW will be in attendance and we are happy to help any interested job seekers attending to prepare for this event.

As Thunder Bay's [unemployment rate](#) is currently 6.7% and Northern Ontario is 8.7% you can see that people are starting to get back to work. As more restrictions are being lifted and CERB comes to an end we anticipate more job seekers coming to request services.

We encourage those that work with the unemployed to help them connect to us. We will be hosting an information session for social service agencies/employment agencies on November 16th at 10:30am to learn more about how we can help your clients to connect to employment opportunities. Email new@confederationcollege.ca to sign up for this zoom event.



Q&A: Ask an Expert

Q: I was thinking about applying for the Second Career program but I'm not sure.

A: The Second Career Program is a great program funded through [Employment Ontario](#). Northwest Employment Works is an Assessment centre that can help you through this process.

There are eligibility and suitability that you will need to meet, and we can do the assessment with you to see if you qualify.

Once you can show you meet the eligibility and suitability requirements, we can help you with processing the application form to Employment Ontario.

This process can take from 3 to 6 weeks depending on the program you are applying to, therefore it is best to start looking into things in advance so you have plenty of time to hand in an application.

The Second Career Program will help fund up to a one-year course. There is a cap in funding of up to \$28,000.00. There is also support for day care costs, transportation, books, and disability needs.

If you feel stuck in your job search and want to look into a new path forward, consider reaching out to NEW to see if the Second Career Program is for you.

Have a question you want answered? Send it to us and we'll feature it in our next newsletter!

Contact us at www.northwestworks.ca