

Financial Support for the Credential Assessment and Recognition Process

Financial supports are available to assist internationally educated nurses (IEN) with the qualification recognition process in Manitoba.

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Manitoba (CLPNM) is not affiliated with the organizations noted in this document. The CLPNM is not involved in the funding application process.

The following is provided as information only.

Manitoba Training and Employment Services

Training and Employment Services delivers a full range of employment and training services to residents of Manitoba.

Internationally Educated Professionals in need of assistance to re-enter their professions may be eligible for financial supports to help pay for costs such as: tuition, books and living expenses.

Visit: https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/tes/pubs/jobs_careers/programs/skills_dev_assist.pdf

To get started, you will need to make an appointment at a Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centre: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/contact.html>

Manitoba Training and Employment Services has the following guidance for you:

Before you contact the Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centre (MJSDC) closest to you, have the following information ready:

- a. Full name
- b. Social Insurance Number
- c. Date of birth
- d. Street address & mailing address
- e. Phone number & email address
- f. Current employment status (employed, unemployed, part-time / full time / casual), name of current or most recent employer, start/end date of employment, hourly wage paid, average hours of work per week
- g. If you are currently receiving Employment Insurance benefits (yes/no) (the federal E.I. program)
- h. If you are currently receiving Employment & Income Assistance benefits (yes/no) (provincial social assistance program)

The purpose of the initial contact with MJSDC is to make an appointment.

Manitoba Training and Employment Services asks that you only provide the information requested of you.

Manitoba Training and Employment Services encourages you to use the script below to clearly communicate why you are contacting the MJSDC:

Hi, my name is _____. I am an internationally educated nurse and have been referred to the Practical Nursing Qualification Recognition program starting "date of start of the PNQR program". I would like to apply for financial supports from your program to help me with the costs of the training.

At your appointment with the MJSD Centre you will learn about what funding supports may be available to you. **This is the time for you to describe your personal situation and provide additional information/details.**

If your financial needs cannot be met by Training and Employment Services, you may wish to consider a special low interest loan to help you while you are completing the Practical Nurse Qualification Recognition Program.

Recognition Counts

Recognition Counts is a program that provides accessible, low interest loans to assist skilled immigrants to Manitoba with qualification recognition, upgrading and/or training needed for employment in the fields for which they have education and experience obtained outside of Canada. The program serves individuals in regulated and non-regulated professions and trades and is funded by the governments of Canada and Manitoba.

The program offers financial counselling, as well as the opportunity to apply for a loan of up to \$15,000 with Assiniboine Credit Union, to help with the cost of having your qualifications recognized in Manitoba and obtaining employment in your profession or trade.

Recognition Counts: www.recognitioncounts.ca