

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Vancouver Convention Centre, Saturday, Sept. 30th

10:15 AM	<p>Health Insurance Matters in Canada (Spotlight on BC!) Essential information and valuable advice for new residents, work permit holders, study permit holders, and visitors. Questions addressed will include: Who is eligible for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)? How & when do new residents apply for MSP? What does MSP cover, and what does it NOT cover? Where is MSP valid? What is the MSP waiting period? What happens to MSP coverage when my work/study permit expires? What does hospitalization cost for an uninsured resident or a visitor? What private medical plans are available before MSP starts, and to cover the types of medical expenses that MSP does not cover? & more!</p>	<p>David Cummings Insurance Services Jason Cummings General Manager</p>
11:00 AM	<p>Planning for Your Financial Future in Canada Arriving in a new country means dealing with a new banking system. Well managing your finances is an important part of your settlement. This informative seminar will give you information about the basics of the banking system, focusing on tips and advices concerning your finances and beyond. It's also the occasion to learn about the importance of credit history. Let us inform you the importance of the credit history and how we can help you build a great one!</p>	<p>National Bank Souad Ouared Business Development Manager</p>
11:45 PM	<p>CELPPIP Seminar: Get the Facts This seminar will show you everything you need to know about the CELPIP-General and CELPIP-General LS Tests! Find out about the structure and timing of the test, and see sample test questions. Learn what CELPIP raters look for when they assess writing and speaking responses, and look at actual test responses with scores. Understand the CELPIP performance expectations to help you improve your test scores. View samples of official CELPIP study materials. This session is a must if you plan to take the CELPIP Test!</p>	<p>Paragon Testing Enterprises Marcy Laufer Instructor and Trainer</p>
12:45 PM	<p>Kickstart Your Career in BC Learn to navigate the local job market now that you're searching for a career in your new home. In this session, find out how to connect with local employers both online and in real life. Learn how to effectively network with potential employers and peers as well as discover the tools and resources available to you to source opportunities. You'll walk away with a solid foundation to get you started on your search.</p>	<p>BC Jobs.ca Ryan St. Germaine CEO</p>
1:30 PM	<p>Find Your Place in Tech Interested in building your digital skills? Our goal at BrainStation is to empower you to stand out digitally, through courses, bootcamps, workshops, and events. Whether you're looking to transform your career, build a new skill or level up in your current role, this session will give you an opportunity to explore all that we have to offer in Vancouver, and identify what works best for your learning goals.</p>	<p>BrainStation Richard Bent, Learning Advisor</p>
2:15 PM	<p>Immigration Pathways for International Students and Temporary Workers The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) offers an economic immigration pathway for in-demand foreign workers who can contribute economically to the province. This session will provide an overview of provincial immigration pathways to become a permanent resident. Attendees will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn about provincial immigration pathways to B.C. • hear an up-to-date and detailed overview of the BC PNP and its program categories • learn about the new BC PNP Tech Pilot • gain a practical understanding of the BC PNP Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS) including how the points system relates to invitations to apply • speak directly with staff from the BC PNP 	<p>BC Provincial Nominee Program Aireen Luney Manager, Program Development & Promotion</p>
3:00 PM	<p>Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has been collaborating with Community Organizations to have volunteers prepare income tax and benefit returns for eligible individuals through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.</p>	<p>Canada Revenue Agency Zubie Vuurens Outreach Coordinator</p>



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