



ImmigrantCentre

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Meet the staff of the Manitoba Nominee Application Centre

At the Nominee Application Centre NAC, you can attend information sessions about the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) or meet with an advisor who will review your application and provide advice.



Jorge Fernandez (center), Manager; Keith de Borja (right), Sandra Hernandez (left) and Seid Ahme (left), Application Advisors; Marietta Franco (right), Administrative Assistant.

Office hours

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday (by appointment only)

Information sessions

Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m.
Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m.

Special Points of Interest:

Newcomer Drop-in
Centre

Winter Programs 2010

New Citizenship classes

AEC Access English
Centre (conversation
groups)

Call 943-2240 to register or if you have questions about the Nominee Application Centre and its services

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Fax 949-0734 website: www.icmanitoba.com e-mail:
info@icmanitoba.com

THE IMMIGRANT CENTRE WORKS WITH ALL IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
BY OFFERING THE FOLLOWING NON-FEE SERVICES
(GOVERNMENT FUNDED)

- ◆ Nominee Application Centre "NAC"
- ◆ Settlement Services*
- ◆ Family Support Services
- ◆ Nutrition Services
- ◆ Youth Services
- ◆ Volunteer Services (workshops & tutors)
- ◆ Language Bank Services**
- ◆ Employment Services
- ◆ Adult Education Services
- ◆ Computer Lending Library

***Note 1:** The Settlement Services Department is funded to provide support to immigrants in the following classes: Family Class, Independent, Skilled Worker, and Provincial Nominee & Business Class. Government-Assisted Refugees, Church-sponsored Refugees and Refugee Claimants who need settlement assistance should go to Welcome Place, 397 Carlton Street or phone 977-1000

****Note 2:** Language Bank Services: Landed immigrants who have been in Canada for more than three years, and people in Canada with Visas will be charged for Language Bank Services.

Citizenship Classes

After you send in your application for Citizenship, we can help you study for the Canadian Citizenship test. You need a Benchmark level 3 or higher and you need to attend all six classes on Saturday mornings.

Current session:

January 9, 2010

To

February 13, 2010

To sign up for these classes, please call reception at 943-9158.

Volunteer opportunities

EAL Conversation Group Facilitator, EAL Partners (EAL Tutor), Professional Guidance, Buddy for Diversity Volunteering, Nutritionist Assistant, Officer Assistant, Friendship Partner /Host Family Grandparent Host.

To find out more about these opportunities at the Immigrant Centre please call Marsha Palansky, Volunteer Services Manager at 943-9969 ext. 260, mpalansky@icmanitoba.com or Walter Luzzi, Volunteer Services Coordinator at 943-9969 ext. 234, wluzzi@icmanitoba.com

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Nominee Application Centre

The new Nominee Application Centre will provide information, guidance and help in answering questions so clients can successfully complete their PNP applications. It will provide hands-on services to clients including regular information sessions and one-on-one consultations as well as notary services and referrals to other community services. It will reduce processing times, facilitate the immigration application process and ensure that our prospective immigrants are not delayed in any way because of incomplete applications or difficulty filling forms.

The service is absolutely free and will offer flexible hours. The Nominee Application Centre will focus on helping Manitobans assisting family and relatives in other countries with their PNP applications as well as subsequent applications for permanent residency. It will also help temporary foreign workers and international students already in Manitoba applying to the PNP. For more information call 943.2240.

EAL Conversation Groups

Program funding provided by United Way of Winnipeg

We have many Conversation Groups that meet once a week for two hours. If you want to join one, you must be a registered client of the Immigrant Centre and have had an assessment. For more information please call Walter Luzzi at 943-9969, extension 234.

WINTER SESSION AEC (Access English Centre)

February 2010

Monday		Drivers Education Two Classes a month 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.		
Tuesday		Advance 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.		
Wednesday	Beginner 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.			
Thursday		Intermediate 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.		
Friday		Visitor Visa 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.		
Saturday	Intermediate 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Intermediate 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Beginner 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	High Beginner 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Beginner 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Computer Workshop 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Settlement Services

Funding provided by Manitoba Labour and Immigration

We provide initial and ongoing settlement services to immigrants.

Our services include assistance with completion of immigration applications (such as Sponsorship and Citizenship applications), government applications (such as Social Insurance Number and Medical Card applications).

We also have information about renting apartments, landlord and tenant rules and regulations, finding schools for children, how to apply for and use local health services, information about Canadian law and taxes and much more!

To meet with the Settlement Services Team, call reception at 943-9158.

Workplace Entry Program

Funding provided by Service Canada, Youth Employment Strategy

Learn about working in Canada!

- For 18–30 years of age
- Benchmarks of 3 or 4
- Permanent Residents only

Non-fee Classes (Government funded) start:

Current Class: Jan 18 to Feb 26, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Learn about job skills
- Computer Skills
- Paid training

Call Margaret at 943-9969 ext. 247, for more information

Language Bank Services

Funding provided by Manitoba Labour and Immigration & City of Winnipeg

A network of translators and interpreters provide language services to Immigrant Centre clients and also to non-clients. These services are non-fee (Government funded) if you are a landed immigrant who has been in Canada for less than three years.

Landed immigrants who have been in Canada for more than three years, and people in Canada with Visas will be charged for Language Bank services. A price list is at reception.

To use these services, meet with the Language Services team Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

An appointment is required after 3:30 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Immigrant Employment Assistance Services

Funding provided by Manitoba Government
Competitiveness Training and Trade

Individual Counselling - Our employment facilitators are ready to help you with your short term employment needs and your long term career planning.

We will help you plan your job search and prepare a resume. You will get information about how and where to find a job.

You will also learn how to answer interview questions. Group workshops are available.

This service is for clients with Benchmark levels under 5. We also work to find employers for clients who speak little or no English.

To make an appointment with the Employment Services team, call reception at 943-9158.

Career Development Tap-In Program

Funding provided by Manitoba Labour and
Immigration

Individual Counselling - New clients must first meet with the Assessment Officer. Then meet with the Adult Education Officer to discuss college and university programs, in Winnipeg. It is helpful that clients bring a copy of their resume and the latest English benchmark assessment. We also give advice on how to get your education credentials from your country assessed in Canada. You need a benchmark level 5 or higher for this service.

Tap-In Program - Immigrant Centre clients can take many evening courses at Red River College and University of Winnipeg, at a reduced fee.

You need to have a Benchmark level of 6, or higher to qualify. Good News! French courses at St. Boniface College are now available through the Tap-In Program! For appointments call Susan Cooke, call 943-9969 ext. 242.

Computer Lending Library (CLL) Program

Funding provided by Investors Group

Would you like to learn your way to
a free computer?

This program allows clients to direct their own learning with hands on training and a computer to use in their own home. To participate in the CLL program you must:

- ◆ Not already own a computer
- ◆ Have a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) Assessment of Level 5 or higher for reading and writing
- ◆ Have a fixed home address in Manitoba, not in transition (e.g. housing, hotel)
- ◆ Be unemployed or underemployed

People with beginner or experienced computer skills may apply

For more information contact Evan (Coordinator) at 943-9969 Ext.285 or at epauls@icmanitoba.com

Cooking and Nutrition Basics

Funding provided by Share Our Strength and Royal Bank of Canada

All cooking programs in January are stopped. They will start again in March 2010.

If you are interested in joining a class, please call Val or Rebecca.

GROCERY STORE TOURS ARE AVAILABLE!

- * Save money on healthy foods
- * Learn how to read food labels
- * Learn how to make healthier food choices

Tours are in the morning or afternoon for three hours.

To sign-up for a tour at Superstore, please call Val or Rebecca at 943-9969 ext. 252 & 300.

Newcomer Services

Funding provided by United Way of Winnipeg

This program provides immigrants and refugees with important settlement information to help them adjust to Canadian culture.

Workshops and sessions will give newcomers the opportunity to safely share and express the feelings and experiences associated with migration, assisting them to achieve healthy living and wellness for themselves and their families.

Drop-in Information Session:

Mondays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Come and join us for coffee, tea, making new friends, practicing English and learn how to live easier and healthier! Everyone is welcome; bring your friends. Please call Vann @ 943-9969 ext 251.

Access English Centre (AEC)

The Immigrant Centre, in partnership with the Province of Manitoba's Adult Language Training Branch and United Way, has planned an expansion of the current program offering newly-arrived immigrants the opportunity to practise their English language skills in a conversational setting.

Volunteer facilitators will work with the Volunteer Coordinator and the EAL (English as an additional language) Specialist to provide conversation groups to Adult EAL learners.

These sessions will be offered at a variety of times in the afternoon and evenings from Monday through Saturday.

This program will begin in February.

Please consult Walter for more details at 943-9969 ext. 234 or wluzzi@icmanitoba.com



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