

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP I

INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE IN EDUCATION: APPROACHES, ASSESSMENT, AND APPLICATION

PRESENTER(S)

DR. DARLA DEARDORFF
AIEA

DATE | TIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 17
09:30 - 12:30

LOCATION

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Intercultural competence is emerging as a core outcome of international education efforts. There are numerous challenges, though, including how best to advance these competencies through curriculum development and program design in secondary and post-secondary education environments.

This interactive workshop will explore approaches, assessment, and applications of intercultural competence in academic and non-academic courses, programs and activities. Participants will:

- ▶ gain awareness of various approaches to fostering intercultural competence into their courses, programs, or activities;
- ▶ consider a changing paradigm for assessing intercultural competence;
- ▶ and learn from case studies on developing and assessing intercultural competence through academic and non-academic examples.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP II

IMMIGRATION PATHWAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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HEATHER MICHAUD
IRCC

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CYPRESS 1

BCCIE is pleased to invite our International Education sector to join Heather Michaud of IRCC and Aireen Luney of the BC PNP, for a presentation and Q&A on Express Entry and the BC PNP, with a focus on how these two programs can serve as immigration pathways for international students graduating from educational institutions in BC or Canada.

Attendees will come away from this session with:

- ▶ details of the federal and provincial immigration pathways, and how the two programs align;
- ▶ increased knowledge of Express Entry: how the system works; what the eligibility criteria are for the Canadian Experience Class, the Federal Skilled Worker and Federal Skilled Trades programs; and how international students can plan a path towards permanent residence once they graduate;
- ▶ enhanced understanding of where students can find relevant, up-to-date information on the IRCC website;
- ▶ an up-to-date and detailed overview of the BC PNP and its program categories;
- ▶ a practical understanding of the BC PNP Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS), including how points are awarded, and invitations to apply;
- ▶ details about the new BC PNP Tech Pilot and how it may be relevant to international students;
- ▶ and resources that can be accessed on a regular basis to obtain the latest updates on federal and provincial immigration programs.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP III

EDUCATION ABROAD: PARTNERING FOR GROWTH WITH INDUSTRY, FACULTY, GOVERNMENT, ALUMNI AND EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

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LOCATION

CYPRESS 2

National agendas, including the CBIE Learning Beyond Borders, seek to exponentially grow participation in Education Abroad and this objective is firmly embedded within institutional international strategies. This workshop explores the capacity of institutions to respond to this call for growth and how new opportunities for students can be created to enable wider and broader participation – with a focus on engaging external providers.

Global trends show an increasing demand for short-term programs in contrast to the traditional semester exchange. This shift in student interest impacts on institutional capacity to deliver education abroad, the education abroad office skill set in program generation and networks required to deliver a variety of short-term options.

Developing strategies to grow education abroad participants will explore growth opportunities through:

- ▶ relationships with external service providers (e.g. commercial programs)
- ▶ support for faculty and teaching staff in development of programs
- ▶ the role of credit and non-credit experiences (volunteering, internships, co-op programs)
- ▶ institutional partners (e.g. Alumni and Industry Engagement offices)
- ▶ advocacy and alignment with key stakeholders (e.g. Chambers of Commerce and Industry)

While challenging the status quo this presents exciting opportunities to expand the role for education abroad across institutions. This workshop will take post-secondary and K-12 education abroad practitioners through steps to increase program options drawing on international best practice, insights and learning from other global (national) strategies including the UK, US, EU, Latin America and Australia.