



# the confidence to achieve your potential

If you're like most people, you probably have a feeling that you're capable of much more, and you sometimes wish for more out of life. More satisfaction; more money; more enjoyment. Maybe you're in a job that isn't challenging you. Maybe you've recently immigrated to Canada, and you're frustrated that your qualifications aren't recognized here. Maybe you'd like to go back to school but you don't want to start at zero, especially with all the life skills you have under your belt. Whatever your story, you probably aren't sure how to get beyond these barriers.

The Prior Learning Centre can help.

## Career advancement can be within reach

The Prior Learning Centre has helped thousands of people find more meaningful careers, more fulfilling jobs, and occupations that more fully utilize their skill sets. Some clients worked with us to advance within their current organization, and some found fulfillment in new work outside of their current situation. We have also helped a number of new Canadians find the kind of careers that they would have had access to back home. The Prior Learning Centre helps to remove the barriers that prevent you from achieving more in your professional life.

“My Portfolio showed Dalhousie that I had developed the required types of competencies. When I was accepted, I really felt like the rust was off the wheels; that I was hitting the ground running. That turned out to be a surprise but very, very appreciated benefit of the process.” – Miriam O'Brien

## Further your education and qualifications

Colleges, universities, and other educational systems have very specific entry requirements. If you don't have the prescribed formal education, you may assume you don't meet those requirements. In reality, you may have worked in a related industry for years – and done an impressive amount of on-the-job learning. The challenge you face, then, is presenting evidence that you do indeed have the required competencies for admission. The Prior Learning Centre works with you to do just that. With evidence of your prior learning in hand, you may be able to gain admission to a program without meeting standard prerequisites, or you may even achieve advanced standing in your program of choice. The Prior Learning Centre can work with you to remove the barriers to your furthering your education.

“One of the parts that scares me is really starting over again, and you get into that mindset. But you know what? No. Maybe it'll take me a little time to realize what your skills are, but I've been building up experience. I got loads with me.” – Lt. Col. Michael Kennedy, retired

## Enhanced community life

Your life experience can also help you achieve more personal satisfaction in other areas. After having their learning recognized, many of our clients find that the accompanying boost in confidence and achievement has far-reaching effects. Often, they begin enjoying a deeper civic and cultural participation. When the members of a community feel empowered, the communities they live in get stronger. It's just one more way the Prior Learning Centre can make a difference in your life.

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