



# Gain valuable work experience with a Canadian company



## Working in Canada

Complete an English language course at ACCESS, then afterwards, complement your studies by working in Canada! Take part in a Professional Work internship (unpaid job) to build your resume and gain valuable experience with a Canadian company, or if you prefer, get a paid position in our Hospitality program. Whatever your choice, ACCESS can deliver an experience of a lifetime!

## Placement Options

All Professional Internships (unpaid) are arranged by ACCESS.

Students in the Hospitality Program (paid) have the choice of ACCESS finding and arranging their job, or finding their own job (self placement). All students will receive full guidance from our Internship Coordinator in pre-job preparation skills including assistance with building and polishing a resume, as well as comprehensive interview practice. All students are fully monitored by the Internship Coordinator during their work placement. Students choosing the self placement option are responsible for providing ACCESS with contact details for their work placement. Self placement students are also required to complete a weekly assignment, and a Final Assignment during the last week of their work placement.

## Professional Internships

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ACCESS

Unpaid professional internships are the perfect choice for students interested in improving their English language skills while gaining experience in their educational field. Students will work in a professional setting for a Canadian company and are placed with established corporations, based on educational background and previous work experience. Placements are in one of the student's top three fields of choice. During the internship placement students are closely monitored by the Work Internship Coordinator, with weekly check-ups and assignments. Upon completion of the program and all requirements, successful students will receive a Certificate of Completion and reference letter from their host company. Internship students in the unpaid program can choose from a variety of job fields, including: Marketing & Advertising, IT, Legal Services, Media, Healthcare, Tourism, Public Relations, Accounting, and more.

## Hospitality Program

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or

self placement

In this paid work program, the majority of students work for cafes and fast food restaurants, however many students also work at full service restaurants, department stores, retail shops and other customer service related stores (if they meet the requirements for those companies). Students work on average 20 - 25 hours per week and usually earn approximately \$9 - \$10 /hour. Typical jobs include: waiter, coffee shop server, table clearing / dishwasher in restaurant, and store clerk.

# practice English in a real-life setting



## Medical placements

Doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals as well as students presently studying in a healthcare field are invited to participate in an unpaid medical volunteer experience. Students first polish their English skills in our English For Medicine program. Following the course, students are placed in a hospital, medical clinic, physiotherapy clinic, lab, or Long-Term Care Facility (elderly care) for a volunteer placement. Students will have the opportunity to practice their English in an English speaking medical environment, as well as learn about medical practices in Canada. For further details, please refer to the English For Medicine brochure, or contact ACCESS.

## Description of Work

ACCESS works with over 500 host companies. Our internship agreements are with companies both large and small to meet the individual needs of our students. All of our partner host companies are located within the cities of Toronto and Vancouver, and are easily accessible by subway transit. We also have seasonal paid placements available in tourist areas outside of both cities. Among our hosts are the following:



### CIUT-FM



CIUT-Fm is a broadcast media host located in downtown Toronto, broadcasting alternative rock and hip hop to the greater Toronto area.

ACCESS Interns work at CIUT in a wide variety of positions, from reception to marketing.

### University Health Network

Internship students at University Health Network are valued participants within the UHN's team, supporting patients, family members and staff. Interns will have the opportunity to use their English skills in a hospital setting. Interns are placed at one of UHN's three hospitals: Toronto Western, Toronto General, or Princess Margaret Hospital.

### The Westin Harbour Castle



The Westin Harbour Castle is located on Lake Ontario and is a premium hotel known for luxury.

The Westin is host to dozens of conventions and events throughout the year. ACCESS Interns work at the hotel in various positions depending on their language skill level and experience.

### Meritum Group



The team at Meritum was formed by a group of very successful senior executives with significant experience in consumer marketing, information technology, multi sales channel distribution, finance and training. Together, we nurture an internationally focussed and results-oriented corporate culture with many opportunities for personal development. Meritum is always welcoming interns in different areas like marketing, sales, accounting or information technology.

# Internship Experiences

## Read What Past Interns Say...

### Visas

Students must possess a valid Study Permit & Work Permit for the duration of their whole program. ACCESS will provide the Work Internship student with a Letter of Acceptance & a Work Internship Acceptance letter. Both papers must be submitted to the Canadian Embassy to receive a Work Permit with their Study Permit. It is important for all students participating in the Work Internship program to arrive in Canada with a Study Permit. Students arriving in Canada with a Study Permit are able to obtain a Work Permit, however, students arriving in Canada without a Study Permit, will NOT be able to obtain a Work Permit.

### Cost

Students pay the cost of their studies plus a one-time Work placement fee. Please refer to ACCESS' main fees page for cost of placement fee.

Lola—Uzbekistan  
Broadcast Media —6 Months  
Rogers Corporation



Never did I think I would have a chance to work at Rogers TV in their studio. This was my dream.

Every week we tape five shows. For every show we have three guests, who we interview about their activities and interests. Our guests are artists, writers, doctors, sportsmen, business people.

Every Friday we have school tours with children from grade 5 to grade 7. I always participate on this activity and try to teach students how to use the equipment. The first time I was scared, but people at Rogers tried to encourage me and it worked very well. Now I don't have any problem with it.

During this six months I have learned a lot and met many people and for sure I will miss them.

I will miss Rogers and all the people here. I am happy that I had this opportunity and to learn more about television.

Andreas — Switzerland  
Marketing Internship—8 Weeks  
Meritum Corporation



Meritum is a very creative company with personnel which has a lot of experience and knowledge in their area.

First at all I've improved my English skills enormously and I learned how to talk and write in the business world. Then I've learned how people work in North America which is really important to me .

I was able to see how a commercial is made. When I arrived at the shooting scene they had just began to set things up. I tried to help as much as possible and I soon recognized that in order to get everything running a lot of details have to be taken into account as the light, the deco, makeup, the style and colour of the cloths the actors are wearing, set up and much more.

Thanks ACCESS I will never forget this experience. It was fantastic and I met a lot of really great people.

Carolin—Germany  
Tourism Internship —6 Weeks  
Casaloma



I improved my English because I listened and spoke to native speakers. I was also getting used to some slang language. When the work was slow I spoke with my colleagues. They spend time talking to me and helping me improve my English.

I was on the front desk where the tourists come at first. We checked the tickets and we gave them a map of the castle in their own language and sometimes we did a survey. My function was to be there for the tourists, to answer all the questions and to act like a service person.

Now I am able to speak more fluently and to react spontaneously in a conversation. Also it's easier to understand the native speakers.

Sergio - Colombia  
Medical Intern - 3 Months  
Toronto General Hospital



I work more than 24 hours a week between 6 and 7 hours a day at the hospital. I go there to speak and practice English. I can understand more people now when they speak to me. I get information from the patients and give information about the hospital.

I also took the Basic Life Support Course at Toronto General and received a certificate.

I made new friends and people are interesting and helpful. Maybe I will come back to work as a resident next year. I would like to one day work as a Doctor in Canada.