# ESSENTIAL SKILLS for ABORIGINAL FUTURES

Our vision is to deliver an innovative Essential Skills program to the Aboriginal Community through employer partnerships and customized training that supports employment success and retention.

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(Métis Nation British Columbia)





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For more information on the ESAF/Overwaitea Food Group essential skills program, contact an Employment Counsellor at an office near you at one of the following locations:

#### **Aboriginal Community Careers Employment Services Society**

604.251.7955

1607 East Hastings Street Vancouver, BC

#### Aboriginal Connections to Employment

604.687.7480 390 Main Street, Vancouver, BC

#### Kla-How-Eya Employment

604.584.2008

13638 Grosvenor Rd, Surrey, BC

#### Métis Employment & Training

604.582.4791 Ext. 2

201 –  $10114\ \mathrm{King}$  George Hwy. Surrey, BC

#### **Aboriginal Community Careers Employment Services Society**

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# Overwaitea Food Group

The Overwaitea Food Group operate several grocery stores in the Lower Mainland and offer a working environment where sharing ideas is welcomed and encouraged.

#### **Essential Skills Training Program**

Start date February 2, 2009

A collaborative effort of ESAF and Overwaitea Food Group

Positions Available

Clerk Cashier General Clerk Bakery Clerk Deli Clerk

#### Course Outline

#### This 6-week program will include:

- Customized Essential Skills training specific to your job target
- Development of a Continuous Learning Plan
- Interview for an entry- level position with Overwaitea Food Group
- TOWES (Test of Workplace Essential Skills), class and self-evaluation
- In the last week you will be guaranteed an interview with the employer and if successful you will be offered a parttime entry-level position at the rate of \$8.00 \$9.50 per hour with a probationary period of four months.

Learning is in a classroom environment and will consist of a combination of one to one teaching, self-directed and experiential learning in a group environment.

#### **Program Orientation**

#### January 8, 2009 at

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735 Carnarvon, New Westminster, BC

#### Course Prerequisites

- This program is available to any unemployed Aboriginal person entitled to work in Canada.
- Applicants do not need to be in receipt of E.I. or have a previous E.I. claim to apply for this program.
- Applicants must have a referral from an Employment Counsellor.
- Learners must be willing to work in a group setting with a commitment to essential skills training and future employment with our employer partner.

#### Course Purpose

Our program is an innovative approach that is focused on specific skill development related to the job. We believe that the integration of essential skills building within our structure has the potential to provide a meaningful foundation for our Aboriginal clients.

#### What are Essential

- Essential Skills are the foundation for learning all other skills needed for work, learning and life.
- They provide people with the skills to evolve with their jobs and adapt to workplace change.

#### There are 9 Essential

- Reading
- Document Use
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Oral Communication
- Working with Others
- Thinking
- Computer use
- Continuous Learning

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