



Continuing Care Assistant Program

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ADMINISTRATORS, HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS
FROM: PAM SHIPLEY, MANAGER CCA PROGRAM
SUBJECT: CCA RPL PROGRAM
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
CC: CCA PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Private Career Colleges Division reviewed the content and delivery of the CCA Recognizing Prior Learning (RPL) Program (Phase II) and determined it falls under the scope of the Private Career Colleges Act in that it provides occupational education leading to certified competency as a Continuing Care Assistant. As such they have issued a directive to bring the RPL Program, Phase II into a regularized relationship with the Act. This means the Phase II component of the program requires delivery through an education institution regulated by a legislative Act (private career college, NSCC, University).

To mitigate the impact on the RPL's contribution to CCA recruitment, the CCA Program has entered into a non-exclusive partnership agreement with Futureworx to deliver the CCA RPL Program, Phase II, meeting the Private Career College (PCC) Act regulations. We anticipate the transition to PCC requirements can be accomplished relatively seamlessly with little impact on the majority of participants, therefore, the RPL Program's contribution to the annual pool of certified CCAs. With the coordinated efforts of CCA Program and Futureworx the required PCC changes will affect internal process only; the external process and logistics will remain the same.

Unfortunately, this means organizations who do not meet PCC Act regulations or exempt (employers) can no longer access the Self-Directed Learning (SDL) modules to support RPL participants through Phase II. This effects approximately 18% of the annual intake of RPL participants. The CCA Program will work with organizations who are currently accessing the SDL modules to support staff through the Phase II learning to bring them under the Futureworx agreement or another entity that meets the PCC Act regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at pam.shipley@healthassociation.ns.ca, phone 902-832-8526 or Cailleagh Sharples at calleagh.sharples@healthassociation.ns.ca, phone 902-832-8505, ext. 275.