Virtual REACH
Virtual Remote Employment and Career Help
Virtual REACH Program

This employment program for newcomers is:

- offered by Douglas College;
- supported by Social Research and Demonstration Corporation;
- funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.
What is Virtual REACH?

**Virtual REACH** is a skills and employment training program for newcomers in rural areas of British Columbia.

It is also a research project that tests if virtual delivery can improve settlement services for newcomers to Canada in rural regions of BC.
Program serves:

• Permanent Residents
• Protected Persons (Refugees)
• English level: Canadian Language Benchmark 5 or higher
• Basic ability to use a computer
• Good Wi-Fi connection
• Living in a rural region of British Columbia: Metropolitan fringe, Okanagan Valley, Northern Vancouver Island and Northern BC
Program offers:

• Career Exploration
• Local Labour Market Information
• Education Research
• Community Connections
• Career Decision Making
• Action Planning and Goal Setting
• Job Search Strategies
• Career Portfolio
• Skills for Success: communication, collaboration, adaptability, creativity, problem-solving, digital literacy
• Job search support and work placement
Challenges of Living in a Small Town

- 88% of immigrants have trouble finding work
- It is hard to find a job that matches your education
- There are not many settlement services or English classes
- 75% of newcomers need more information about local jobs and companies, better English for work; and more training
- Newcomers want to improve their Skills for Success including reading, writing, numeracy and computer skills.
Benefits to You:

• Build your confidence and sense of well-being
• Improve your English communication
• Create a career portfolio
• Learn how find work you enjoy in British Columbia
• Connect with community organizations and employers
• Increase your Skills for Success

Participate in a Research Project

• Tell us what you need to make a good life in British Columbia
• Take part in 3 surveys, an interview, and a focus group

• 8-week online training by Douglas College
• 8 weeks of job search & work placement
• Borrow a laptop from Douglas College

• Take part in 3 surveys, interview, and focus group
• Receive bonuses and the results of the research
Join Virtual REACH in 2022 and 2023

- 100 newcomers from four regions in BC are welcome to join this free program:
  - Vancouver Metropolitan fringe
  - Okanagan Valley
  - Northern Vancouver Island
  - Northern BC

Regions of BC: https://www.go2hr.ca/essential-tips-info/working-in-bc-tourism-regions
Project Time Line

- 6 months: interviews, focus groups and surveys
- 2 months: online training
- 2 months: job search support
- 6 months: interviews, focus groups and surveys

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Register Today

- Text Hana at 604.218.4146
- Or email Hana at ttg@douglascollege.ca
- Write:

Hi Hana,

I would like to join Virtual REACH. My name is ______. My phone number is ______. My email is ______. I live in ______ (name of town). I am a permanent resident or a protected person (refugee).