

[YWCA Hamilton](#) will deliver ECO Canada's [Environmental Immigrant Bridging](#) (EIB) Program beginning in late February 2012 (evenings and weekends).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program consists of classroom training, work experience, and technical training.

A 180-hour classroom curriculum covers:

- resume writing
- interview skills
- project management
- Canadian workplace culture
- environmental issues
- technical writing for the environment sector



Depending on your area, this may be complemented by 8 weeks of work experience opportunities such as:

- networking events
- informational interviews
- job shadowing
- mentoring
- volunteer opportunities
- work placements

Technical training at Mohawk College covers the following topics:

- assertiveness for professionals
- renewable energies
- environmental projects and reports
- air pollution monitoring
- environmental legislation and waste audit

N.B. ECO Canada and YWCA Hamilton are NOT placement agencies. There is no guarantee that program participants will obtain a work placement. The purpose of the program is to gain the skills and knowledge required for participants to seek employment-related opportunities in a supported and guided environment.

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document](#)

PROGRAM COST

There are no fees for the EIB Program with the YWCA Hamilton. Students will have to purchase their own books and course materials for the classes at Mohawk College but will not be charged a tuition fee for courses.

Please note: There are no funds to cover living expenses.

"As the name suggests, it is a bridge (to) professional opportunities."

- EIB Graduate

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please ensure you meet the following eligibility requirements for the program:

- Degree or a diploma ([Foreign Credential Evaluation required](#)) in an environmentally-related area
- Minimum Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) of 7 in all four areas: reading, writing, speaking, and listening ([proof of proficiency required](#))
- Underemployed or unemployed
- Eligible to work in Canada
- Commitment to attend classes and complete course activities
- Self-motivation and strong dedication to independent employment search
- Demonstrated knowledge and interest in the environment sector

"We would certainly use the program in the future as a source of employment gain."

- Employer

YWCA Hamilton is hosting the application process for this program. Please contact YWCA Hamilton at atokaci@ywcahamilton.org to apply for the program.

YWCA Hamilton will begin accepting applications January 16, 2012.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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