What is ICES?

• ICES is a service provided by the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) to determine how foreign educational credentials compare to the educational system in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada.

• ICES conducts research on foreign educational credentials and prepares a credential evaluation (report) outlining comparability recommendations.

• ICES helps individuals gain the recognition needed to pursue career or educational goals.

• ICES is a founding member of the Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services (ACES).
Alliance Members

**Alberta, Saskatchewan & Northwest Territories:**
International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)

**British Columbia and Yukon:**
International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES)

**Ontario:**
Comparative Education Service (CES)
International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS)
World Education Services – Canada (WES)

**Quebec:**
Ministere de l’ Immigration, de la Diversite et de l’Inclusion (MIDI)
Why Have Foreign Credentials Evaluated?

Immigrants and other holders of foreign credentials:
• Credential evaluation removes barriers to employment and further education

Employers, Schools, Government Agencies, Licensing Bodies:
• Credential evaluation provides a better understanding of what the foreign credential is and how it compares to a Canadian credential
• Assists in the decision-making process
• Provides assurance that the foreign credential is legitimate
Evaluation Factors

- Minimum admission requirement
- Academic level
- Minimum duration
- Recognition of the institution
- Recognition of the program
- Purpose of the program
- Authenticity of the documents
ICES Cannot Evaluate...

While they represent valuable learning, the following types of training falls outside the scope of ICES:

- vocational or apprenticeship programs
- professional licenses
- work experience or PLAR
- military training
- English language proficiency
- non-credit professional development courses
- continuing education courses taken at a non-recognized institutions
Who Accepts ICES Reports?

**Licensing Professional Bodies**
- Chartered Professional Accountants, Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science, British Columbia College of Social Workers, College of Dental Surgeons of BC

**Employers**
- BC Hydro, Federal Express, Police, Firefighters, RCMP, Vancouver Coastal Health, Providence Health Care

**Government Agencies, Employment and Immigrant Services**
- BC Ministry of Children and Family Development, Canada Revenue Agency, MOSAIC, Immigrant Services Society of BC

**Educational Institutions**
- BCIT, Emily Carr University, Thompson Rivers University, Justice Institute of BC, Vancouver Community College

*Note: Comprehensive listing please visit: www.bcit.ca/ices*
Quality and Reputation of ICES Service

ICES evaluation reports are:

• objective, consistent and reliable because ICES follows a standard methodology used in evaluation services throughout Canada and the United States and we apply this methodology consistently to all of our clients
• widely accepted by both private and public sector employers in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada
• Affiliations with over 100 organizations in BC and across Canada
• ICES has provided over 70,000 credential evaluations since the service was created in 1995
• ICES completes approximately 4500 evaluations annually
Trends: Immigration

• Credential evaluation is now part of the economic immigrant selection process
• Credential evaluation = Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)
• Economic immigration programs:
  * Federal Skilled Worker Program (mandatory)
  * Federal Skilled Trades Program
  * Canadian Experience Class Program
  * Provincial Nominee Program
• Application is done via the Express Entry system
• Applicants gain points for their human capital (age, education, language, work experience) job offer & provincial nomination
• An ECA will determine the number of points a candidate will receive for education
Trends: Immigration

Designated ECA Services:
• Comparative Education Service (CES)
• International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS)
• World Education Services Canada (WES)
• Medical Council of Canada
• Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada
## Trends: Source Countries

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Types of ICES Reports

1. Basic
2. Comprehensive
Basic Reports

General Employment

Basic reports list:

- Each fully or partially completed credential
- Comparable credential in Canada
- Recognition status of the institution and the program
- Program duration
- Normal basis of admission
- Educational ladder

4 weeks (minimum) from the date all necessary documents are received
INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATION SERVICE

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INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATION

BASIC REPORT

Date Evaluation Completed: May 12, 2015

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF EDUCATION ACHIEVED

Credential 1:
Country: India
Institution: Indira Gandhi National Open University
Institutional Recognition: University Grants Commission of India
Program: Two-year graduate program in social work (with dissertation)
Awarded by:
Normal Basis of Admission: Minimum of a three-year bachelor degree
Document Authentication: Examination of official documents received directly from issuing institution

END OF PART I

PART II. COMPARABLE LEVEL OF EDUCATION

ICES Recommendations

Credential 1:
- The first year of study toward the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Master of Social Work is considered generally comparable to the completion of a four-year bachelor degree at a recognized post-secondary institution in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada.
- The completion of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Master of Social Work is considered generally comparable to the completion of a one-year master degree at a recognized post-secondary institution in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada.

Credential 2:
- The first year of study toward the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Master of Social Work normally requires the completion of a total of 16 years of study: 12 years at the primary and secondary level, 3 years at the undergraduate level, and 1 year at the master level.
- The completion of the four-year bachelor degree in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada normally requires the completion of a total of 16 years of study: a minimum of 12 years at the primary and secondary level, and a minimum of 4 years at the undergraduate level.
- The completion of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Master of Social Work normally requires the completion of a total of 17 years of study: 12 years at the primary and secondary level, 3 years at the undergraduate level, and 2 years at the master level.
- The completion of a one-year master degree in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada normally requires the completion of a minimum of 17 years of study: a minimum of 12 years at the primary and secondary level, a minimum of 4 years at the undergraduate level, and 1 year at the master level.

END OF PART II

International Credential Evaluator

END OF REPORT

Printed: May 12, 2015
Comprehensive Reports

Licensing or employment in a professional occupation
Admission or transfer to a Canadian post-secondary institution

Comprehensive reports list:
- All information in the basic report
- Language of instruction
- List of courses studied
- Grade and Credit conversion into Canadian values
- Calculation of the weighted grade point average

7 weeks (minimum) from the date all necessary documents are received
### PART III  COMPREHENSIVE COURSE LISTING

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*ICES works under the cost-recovery model with 95% of revenue put back as salary*
Other Fees

Every Client automatically receives 2 copies of their report $20 for each additional copy

Document Return Fees:
- Courier within Canada $26
- Courier International $56
Educational Documents Required

1. Degree Certificate/Diploma
2. Academic Record/Transcript
3. Translations (English or French)
Translation Requirements

• If documents are not in English or French they must be translated by a certified translator.

• Must be a complete word-for-word translation (literal, not interpretive) from a certified translator that includes the translator’s stamp and signature.

• Translations from a certified translator based outside of Canada are fine. However, if the translation is not accurate, a new one from a certified Canadian translator will be required.

• Society of Translators & Interpreters of BC
  www.stibc.org

• Canadian Translators, Terminologists & Interpreters Council
  www.cttic.org
How ICES Categorizes Documents

All ICES reports indicate the type of documents submitted to our office.

Educational Documents are classified into three categories based on what kind of document it is and how it arrives at our office:

1. Original
2. Official
3. Copies
## Documents: Original, Official, and Copies

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