Health Interpreter Trainees

WRHA Language Access Interpreter Services consist of a centralized pool of trained interpreters (casual employees) who are scheduled on an as-needed basis to work with healthcare providers and limited/non-English speakers in a variety of healthcare settings, which include hospitals, health clinics, community health offices, private residences, personal care homes, and long term care facilities.

We are currently seeking individuals interested in training to become health interpreters and fluent in English and one or more of the following languages: **Arabic, Burmese, Cantonese, Dinka, Karen, Korean, Mandarin, Nepali, Oromo, Polish, Punjabi, Pushto, Somali, Swahili, Thai, Ukrainian.**

Applications are currently being accepted for the **WRHA Health Interpreter Training** session scheduled for **October/November 2008** (exact dates and times to be determined). This unpaid 72-hour training is offered at no cost to participants (funded by the Department of Labour and Immigration of the Province of Manitoba). In addition to the qualifications and assets listed below, training eligibility includes successful completion of the interpreter language and skills assessment (ILSAT/CILISAT). Candidates wishing to undergo the ILSAT/CILISAT testing are required to pay a \$35 administration fee.

Successful completion of the ILSAT/CILISAT and the training program are prerequisites for the possibility of being offered employment opportunities with **WRHA Language Access Interpreter Services**.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated fluency in English and another language (speaking, listening, reading), and demonstrated interpreter skills (successful ILSAT/CILISAT assessment)
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Flexible schedule and ability to work in multiple settings at multiple sites
- Available to attend unpaid 72-hr training
- Ability to use information technology (Internet, E-mail); daily access to computer
- Successful criminal record check and child abuse registry check

ASSETS

- Strong interpersonal, organizational and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work in stressful and sensitive situations with limited supervision
- Post-secondary education in target language
- Prior interpreting experience, preferably in health care
- Knowledge of medical terminology, health references and resources
- Commitment to ongoing professional development
- Valid driver's license and use of a vehicle

If you are interested in additional information regarding this training opportunity, please phone Carlos Campos, Recruitment and Training Coordinator, at 918-1567.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by sending a cover letter and a detailed resumé, including details regarding interpreter training and experience, by **Wednesday**, **June 18**, **2008** to:

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REGRETFULLY, WE WILL ONLY REPLY TO THOSE WHO ARE SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW