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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 24 Mar 2025 12:52:27
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Clarification needed on eligibility of spouses of study permit holders to apply for a open work permit - REP-2025-0139- Due 11-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance.. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question:

Question:
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  - submitted an application on or after August 26, 2024, and are participating in the FMCSP at one of the participating DLIs
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For the purposes of assessing eligibility, the following definitions apply:

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Professional degree programs are those identified under the following:

- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS, DMD)
- Bachelor of Law or Juris Doctor (LLB, JD, BCL)
- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Doctor of Optometry (OD)
- Pharmacy (PharmD, BS, BSc, BPharm)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN, BSN)
- Bachelor of Nursing Science (BNSc)
- Bachelor of Nursing (BN)
- Bachelor of Education (BEd)
- Bachelor of Engineering (BEng, BE, BASc)

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Answer:
Please note that this service provides guidance and not case-specific advice.
As per the current instructions, college programs are not eligible. Spouses and common-law partners of study permit holders – [R205(c)(ii) – C42] – Canadian interest – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 14 janvier 2025 18:17
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representants[redacted].ca>
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