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Good Day
[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

Please note that we're unable to provide case-specific guidance and only general functional guidance can be provided below.

Program stacking is when students complete more than one PGWP-eligible program from a PGWP-eligible DLI. To qualify for program stacking in relation to PGWP duration, all PGWP-eligible programs must

- * be a minimum of 8 months in duration and
- * be completed at a PGWP-eligible DLI within 2 years of the completion of the first program

The 50% in class requirement is based on the length of the program, including credits earned from both in-person and distance-learning courses, as confirmed by the eligible DLI. If the course is delivered in person, then it is considered in person/in class; if it is delivered online, then it is considered online.

The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

For information on length of PGWP, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: About the post-graduation work permit - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 22, 2025 12:17 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
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Subject: Clarification on PGWP Eligibility – Pathway with Online and In-Person Studies

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I am [redacted]llege Director a[redacted], a PCC registered in [redacted] under the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

We request your guidance on the following scenario regarding a student's eligibility for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP):

- * A student is enrolled in a 12-month diploma program (Jan 2025 – Dec 2025) at our college, which is a full-time, in-person vocational program.
- * While studying with us, the student also enrolls in an **online MBA program** at University Canada West (UCW), a private Canadian university.
    - * Semester 1: May 2025 – Aug 2025 (fully online)
    - * Semester 2: Sep 2025 – Dec 2025 (fully online)
- * The student completes both our diploma program and the first two semesters of the MBA by Dec 2025.
- * In Jan 2026, the student transitions to **in-person study** at UCW:
    - * Semester 3: Jan 2026 – Apr 2026 (in-person)
    - * Semester 4: May 2026 – Aug 2026 (in-person)
- * UCW accepts the student's credits from the online semesters and grants lateral entry into Semester 3.
- * The student maintains valid study permit status throughout the entire period.
- * The total MBA duration is 16 months (2 online + 2 in-person semesters).

Our question:

- * Based on the current PGWP guidelines, would the student be eligible for a **3-year work permit**?
- * Specifically, considering:
    - * The MBA is a recognized Master's level program.
    - * The student completed 8 months of the program **in person**.
    - * No study permit conditions were breached.
    - * The online portion was completed **while enrolled full-time in another DLI (our college)**.

We would appreciate your guidance on this pathway, as several students are interested in pursuing a similar route.

[redacted] and assistance.

Sincerely,

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