Travel and Tourism Degree or Diploma Opens Doors by Jason White

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Did you know that Centennial College's Tourism and Travel program is accredited by UNWTO TedQual and is an affiliate member of UNTWO? These two designations offer an insight into how respected this program is. Offering even more insight is this testimony from graduate Amanda Kwong, who says: "The Tourism and Travel program has been a great learning environment for me. The small class sizes and hands-on opportunities have helped to further my passion for travel. The in-class learning has been an eye-opening experience thanks to the enthusiastic teachers and their intimate knowledge of the industry. The amount of extracurricular and opportunities within the industry offered to students are endless."

But who exactly do the Tourism and Travel courses in this offering benefit? If you are looking to gain an in-depth knowledge of airline tariffs and ticketing, accommodation and ground transportation and the cruise industry, this program is for you. In addition those who seek extensive world destination knowledge, including culture and heritage training, passport and visa requirements, travel security, customer sales and service, and much more may want to consider this Tourism and Travel program. You will receive the highest level of education, while preparing yourself to be job-ready in one year. Marlin Travel, Sears Travel, Thomas Cook Group, Carlson Wagonlit, Air Transat/Nolitours, Goway, Sunwing, Travel Corporation and Kensington Tours are all companies that have hired program grads.

In just three semesters, students complete Tourism and Travel courses that are part of a curriculum endorsed by the Canadian Institute of Travel Counselors. This includes in-depth knowledge of airline tariffs and ticketing, accommodation and ground transportation the cruise industry; and extensive world destination knowledge, including culture and heritage training, passport and visa requirements, travel security, customer sales and service, and much more. Among specific tourism and travel courses are Introduction to Hospitality Accounting, Selling Cruises, Industry Automation â€“ Apollo, Introduction to Computing, World Geography for Tourism, Sales & Marketing for Travel Industry, Airline Automation â€“ Sabre, Travel Agency Operations and more.

To complement the knowledge you gain in your tourism and travel courses, you also participate in a three-days-a-week internship. This opportunity is offered to you in the third and final semester of the program. It is a time for you to apply skills learned in-class, interact with professionals and network. In addition, the program offers you an international trip that provides practical exposure to all aspects of travel.

Please note that the CITC knowledge exam and Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) minimum standards exam are included as part of the program.

Applicants to the Travel And Tourism program must present at minimum an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent or be 19 years of age or older. In addition, students should have completed the compulsory English 12C or U or skills assessment or equivalent. Please note that possession of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

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Jason writes about Centennial College's a Travel And Tourism program, which includes a three-days-a-week field placement that allows you to apply skills learned in class.

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