

DATABASE OF FOREIGN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Project Synopsis

Time: 3-6 months

Complexity: Medium

Cost: \$25,000-\$100,000

This project designs a database of educational programs from institutions around the world and assists provincial registrars, and employers to assess academic qualifications of internationally trained workers (ITWs).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This online directory is designed to confirm that certain international programs meet Canadian certification requirements. This database features an interactive map and searches that can be conducted by country, university, address and zip code. The website is continuously updated as applications are submitted, reviewed and assessed. This encourages regulatory bodies to work across jurisdictions to develop shared international qualification databases.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Regulators can easily evaluate and accredit qualified applicants coming from outside of Canada.
- Qualified ITWs are certified faster and are able to practice in their preferred profession sooner.
- Employers struggling to fill positions are able to find qualified workers trained outside of Canada.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Compile various sets of data on one database to avoid inconsistencies.
- Ensure the work plan includes testing, validation, and adjustments to data.
- Develop agreements with jurisdictions outside of Canada that would increase the range and quantity of education program information in the database.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- Evaluation of foreign education programs to determine if the applicants meet Canadian certification standards.
- Building a database of programs offered by foreign education institutions.

