

CAPLA Immigrants RPL Working Group

Terms of Reference

Background, Context, Purpose

The formation of the CAPLA Immigrants RPL Working Group was approved at the CAPLA Board of Directors Meeting of October 20, 2012.

CAPLA envisions a society in which all people including immigrants to Canada have the opportunity and necessary resources to pursue learning that promotes personal and career goals and enhances the quality of community life.

Objectives

- Promote and advance greater awareness of the value and benefits of RPL for immigrants;
- Identify previous work that could be used as a basis for further development of RPL, and advance the development and implementation of quality RPL processes/mechanisms for immigrants to Canada;
- Explore, identify, and seek solutions for issues relating to the advancement of RPL for immigrants;
- Share, co-ordinate and promote RPL related information and available resources;
- Provide a platform for sharing and seeking input for advancing RPL for immigrants with various key stakeholders across Canada; and
- Support the development of new tools/resources that enhance RPL programs and services for immigrants.

Membership

- Any CAPLA member in good standing who is actively engaged in RPL practices, services, and research;
- A minimum of one member of CAPLA's Board of Directors;
- Executive Director of CAPLA; and
- Coordinator of CAPLA Recognition of Learning.

Governance

- The CAPLA Board of Director representative on the CAPLA Immigrants RPL Working Group committee will act as the liaison to the CAPLA Board, and will be responsible for reporting to the Board and making the necessary connections with other Board committees.
- The CAPLA Board of Director representative on the CAPLA Immigrants RPL Working Group committee will chair the committee, or will co-chair the committee with a non-CAPLA Board member.

- The CAPLA Immigrants RPL Working Group committee will not have any decision making power on behalf of the CAPLA Board, but will make recommendations to the Board for their decisions.
- CAPLA Immigrants RPL Working Group committee conclusions will be on the basis of consensus of those participating in discussions on the topic, within communication methods circulated and within timeframes identified.

Conduct of Meetings

- Meetings will be held by teleconference as needed for one hour, (minimum of three per year), and an in-person meeting at the CAPLA conference/workshop.
- Recording of meetings will be on a volunteer, turn taking basis.

The Terms of Reference for this working group will be reviewed annually by the group.