

# ACADEMIC AND CAREER PREPARATION



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I had only been in Canada for two months when I started the ELS program at KPU and my familiarity with the country and the people was limited. Being in this program helped me to gain knowledge in many fields, not only English. Also, I have met many friendly people and made a lot of friends from diverse cultures, which benefits me in learning how every culture acts. In ELS, I built my self-confidence and my negotiation skills in addition to the academic skills. I had a fantastic opportunity to volunteer to help students with their ePortfolio, which helped me to learn more and practice my skills. I really thank the ELS program and its staff because without their effort English would be an enormous obstacle to achieving my goals.

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