

## Have you....

- Been laid-off, bumped or had your work hours significantly reduced?
- Lost work due to contracting out, cutbacks or contract retendering?

## Do you....

- want to upgrade your skills for your current job?
- Need training to apply for other jobs in the Community Health or Health Facilities subsectors?
- Need English as a second or additional language skills?
- Need to upgrade a diploma or certificate from another country?
- Want to advance your career?



## HOW TO APPLY

For more information and to download application forms:

[www.bcgeu.ca/union\\_education](http://www.bcgeu.ca/union_education)

Or contact the fund administrator,  
James Cavalluzzo at  
1.800.663.1674 or  
[chrif@bcgeu.ca](mailto:chrif@bcgeu.ca).

Union members covered by the Community Health Subsector collective agreement can apply for support from the Joint Community Health Retraining Fund.

The BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) administers the fund on behalf of unions in the Health Services and Support Community Subsector Association of Bargaining Agents and the Health Employers' Association of BC (HEABC).

The fund's oversight committee includes representatives of the BCGEU, HEABC as well as the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1518 (UFCW) and the Hospital Employees' Union (HEU).



## JOINT COMMUNITY HEALTH RETRAINING FUND



FOR WORKERS IN THE  
COMMUNITY HEALTH SECTOR

APPLY TODAY!



RETRAINING FUND



**Your union** has negotiated the **Joint Community Health Retraining Fund** to support skills upgrading, training and professional development for workers in the community health sector.

## DEVELOPING WORKERS' SKILLS BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Training support of up to \$10,000 is available to individual workers for tuition, textbooks and other approved expenses.

You can apply at any time and receive an answer within 30 days. You can be reimbursed for courses you have already completed or started or courses you are interested in taking.

Relevant part and full time courses offered at public institutions in BC are eligible. In some circumstances, online courses, those offered at private institutions and those outside of BC may be considered.

The Joint Community Health Retraining Fund supports courses relevant to community and facility-based health care services. There are many different and interesting jobs in community health services and in health care facilities.

The retraining fund has already supported workers taking these courses:

- Computer Skills and Software
- Palliative Care Certificate
- Health Care Assistant
- English as a Second Language
- Skilled Trades – carpenter, electrician, machinist, power engineer, HVAC and refrigeration, welder etc.
- Acute Care Skills for Home Support/ Resident Care Attendants
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Administrative and Bookkeeping
- Community Mental Health Worker

And many, many more!