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Governor's Office for New Americans in collaboration with WES and partners host Northern and Southern Nevada Foreign Education Credential Workshops

LAS VEGAS, NV – On Tuesday, May 9th, and Thursday, May 11th, the [Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans \(ONA\)](#), in collaboration with [World Education Services \(WES\) Global Talent Bridge](#), the [Governor's Office for Workforce Innovation](#), [Nevada Department of Health and Human Services](#), [Nevada Adult Education](#), [United Way of Southern Nevada](#), and [Nevadaworks](#) hosted a Northern and Southern Nevada Foreign Education Credentials Workshops.

"An investment in Nevada's immigrant and refugees' foreign education credentials is an investment in our State's workforce," **said Charina de Asis, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for New Americans.** "A focus on foreign education credentials enables immigrant and refugee families to maximize their workforce potential by allowing them to apply the education and skills they have already earned."

"It was such a pleasure visiting the Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans and learning more about the impressive work of they and their partners are leading. Organizations across Nevada are supporting internationally educated immigrants and refugees seeking to fully contribute their skills to the state economy," **said Katherine Gebremedhin, Director of State and Local Initiatives of the World Education Services Global Talent Bridge.** "We hope that the in-depth training on credential evaluation and recognition that WES provided will arm our Nevada partners with additional

capacity and knowledge as they advise immigrants and refugees on how to move forward with their professional and academic goals.”

Over 21 partners attended these workshops aimed at informing Nevada workforce providers and other partners serving our state’s immigrant and refugee communities on how to better help individuals with foreign credentials. Topics of discussion included debunking misconceptions surrounding foreign education credentials and seeking collaborative ways to help skilled immigrants and refugees jump-start their careers.

Photos from the Northern Nevada Workshop in Reno on Tuesday, May 9th can be found [here](#). Photos of the Southern Nevada Workshop in Las Vegas on Thursday, May 11th can be found [here](#).

The Nevada Governor’s Office for New Americans (ONA) was created to promote the inclusion and integration of immigrants, refugees, and aspiring Americans into the civic, economic, and cultural life of Nevada. ONA works to bridge the world of state government and the complex changes in immigration policy that affect all Nevadans. By breaking down bureaucratic barriers that often hinder economic self-sufficiency and civic integration, ONA is working to make Nevada an even more welcoming state for all. For more information about ONA visit our website at ona.nv.gov.

WES Global Talent Bridge (GTB) is committed to creating more equitable, inclusive workforces and economies that fully recognize and champion immigrants’ and refugees’ credentials, education, and experience — and engaging states and local communities is central to this work. Through three programs — the [Skilled Immigrant Integration Program \(SIIP\)](#), the SIIP Demonstration Opportunity, and Teacher Bridge — GTB offers technical assistance, coaching, and network building to support state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other stakeholders in building and scaling promising practices in immigrant and refugee workforce inclusion.

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