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### **Yee Hong Centre Announces Free Personal Support Worker Certificate Program**

*15 students can complete Yee Hong Training and Learning Centre's Personal Support Worker (PSW) certificate program through a return of service agreement.*

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SCARBOROUGH – Yee Hong Centre, a leading not-for-profit provider of culturally appropriate older adults' services, today announced free Personal Support Worker (PSW) training through its private career college. 15 individuals can complete Yee Hong Training and Learning Centre's (YHTLC) PSW certificate program tuition-free by entering a Return of Service program.

"Staff are critical for our system right now. We all need to come up with innovative solutions to help tackle the health human resource challenge," said Dr. San Ng, Yee Hong CEO. "Our private career college has been training and graduating qualified PSWs since 2019. We're investing in training PSWs and removing barriers for students by offering free training in exchange for service. We're pleased that CIBC Foundation is joining us in this endeavour and has donated \$25,000 to support us. With these investments, we can provide free training for 15 PSW students."

YHTLC's PSW certificate program is approved as a vocational program under the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*. Students first learn foundational knowledge through seven months of part-time in-class modules, then apply their learning and develop practical skills through two months of full-time field placements within Yee Hong's community and long-term care settings.

"PSWs are in high demand across the healthcare sector. We're very proud that around 90% of our PSW graduates find employment shortly after graduation," said Mabel Ho, Director of Education and Research at Yee Hong. "Aside from promising job prospects, becoming a PSW is also an incredibly rewarding career path for anyone who wants to make a difference in older adults' quality of life. Our population is aging, and it's time we give back to the ones who have taken care of us. PSWs and the care they provide are integral in helping older adults age with the dignity, wellbeing and quality of life they deserve."

Free training is currently being offered for YHTLC's part-time PSW certificate program starting in January 2023. To qualify for free PSW training, eligible students who meet admission requirements must enter Yee Hong's Return of Service program and work at the organization for two years after their graduation.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact April Guo at (416) 940-4814 or [pswtraining@yeehong.com](mailto:pswtraining@yeehong.com) or for more details.

**About Yee Hong Centre:**

[Yee Hong](#) is one of the largest not-for-profit senior care organizations in the country, delivering high-quality, culturally appropriate services to Chinese and other Asian seniors since 1994. Operating 805 long-term care home beds, a wide range of community support services and a hospice residence, Yee Hong annually serves more than 15,000 individuals across the Greater Toronto Area. Yee Hong also builds seniors organization and system capacity through its advisory services, Private Career College and research.

**About Yee Hong Training and Learning Centre:**

Established in 2019, [Yee Hong Training and Learning Centre](#) (YHTLC) is registered as a private career college under the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*, and offers a Personal Support Worker (PSW) certificate program. YHTLC strives to empower seniors, family caregivers, professional care providers and students with knowledge, skills and wellness support through educational activities, programs and workshops.

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