



SPT101 Course Syllabus 2025

About the Course

This is a self-study online course offered by the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) and funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

This introductory course provides students with an understanding of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program in Canada, the relationship between sponsors and settlement workers, their roles, and how best to support privately sponsored newcomers.

Who this training is for

This course is for settlement service providers in Canada. It's designed for those with little or no prior knowledge of the PSR program who want to improve their professional skills.

Course Format

- 5 learning modules with readings, quizzes, videos, and discussions
- Optional online discussion forums
- Final exam covering all modules

Modules Overview

1. Private Sponsorship Program: Introduction to the PSR program
2. Role of Sponsors: How sponsors and settlement workers collaborate and sponsors' responsibilities
3. Newcomers' Rights & Responsibilities: What newcomers and sponsors need to know
4. IRCC Program Assurance: How IRCC supports sponsored refugees
5. Role of Settlement Workers: Clarifying roles and collaboration

Course Activity Completion & Grading

1. Modules – required activity

The 5 learning modules contain weekly readings that must be completed before you can advance to the next module. Students should expect to spend at least 1-2 hours each week on the reading activity.

2. Quizzes – required activity

There are 5 quizzes in this course each consisting of 10 questions. When you submit a quiz, you will automatically be provided with the correct answer and some feedback. It is your responsibility to review your scores and the feedback immediately following the quiz. A review of the weekly quizzes will be provided in a webinar (see course schedule).

Grading:

All 5 quizzes make up 50% of the final course grade.



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3. Discussion Forum – voluntary participation

One discussion question will be posted each week to engage students with the course material. The discussion questions correspond to the learning modules. While participation in the discussion forum is not mandatory, we encourage you to read and respond to the question in order to apply some of the learned material to real life scenarios. Please note that there are no wrong or right answers. Rather, the questions are meant to stimulate meaningful discussions

Bonus marks: 1/4 of a bonus mark can be earned per weekly discussion question. Students can earn up to 2 bonus marks during the term, which will be added onto their final percentage mark. Please note that students must already be passing the course to receive bonus points.

4. Final Exam – required activity

The course concludes with a final exam. It can be accessed once all previous quizzes have been completed. This final exam is cumulative and consists of 15 multiple choice and True/False questions. Please consult the course schedule for the due date of the final exam.

As with the weekly quizzes, you will see correct answers for each question as well as your final exam score immediately after you submit the exam.

Grading:

The final exam is worth 50% of the final course grade.

5. Course certificates

Please note that approximately **10 hours overall should be dedicated to completing the module readings**; submission of all 5 quizzes and the final exam (60% passing grade) must also be completed, and students must achieve a minimum overall course grade average of 60% to qualify for a course certificate.

Course Evaluation

The RSTP kindly asks that you take a couple of minutes to complete a course evaluation survey at the end of the course. Your input and feedback are very valuable and needed for the continued work of the RTSP team. We thank you in advance!