

# Registered Energy Advisor Training Program

#### **Background**

Manitoba Environmental Industries Association (MEIA), in collaboration with Red River College Polytech with supporting partners: Efficiency Manitoba, Prairie House Performance Inc., Sustainable Buildings Manitoba, Manitoba Construction Sector Council, and Manitoba Home Builders Association, introduces the Registered Energy Advisor Training program.

This part-time micro-credential program was developed to meet the need for Energy Advisors to help deliver the one million EnerGuide rating services for homes in Canada.



Natural Resources Canada announced its commitment to launch a green retrofit grant program to assist homeowners to improve the efficiency of their homes. This, in conjunction with the announcements from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation indicating the intent to provide zero interest loans to homeowner energy improving retrofits, provided a foundation for MEIA's anticipation that soon Manitoba would be adopting newer versions of the building code that require energy rating audits. It is estimated that Manitoba has a demand for approximately 80 Energy Advisors over the next 2-7 years and beyond.

With this funding, MEIA created the Registered Energy Advisor Training program to prepare for the high demand of Energy Advisors forecasted by industry experts. This initiative provides a Made-in-Manitoba curriculum that is the first of its kind for post-secondary institutions.

Funding from Natural Resources Canada and partnerships from aligning organizations will help build capacity for Energy Advisor training in Manitoba over 3 years. Additionally, with funding provided to this program, MEIA will support a portion of student registration costs through a <u>MEIA Tuition Award</u>. There will also be targeted recruitment for underrepresented groups (i.e., individuals who identify as Indigenous, women, LGBTQ2S+, racialized, and persons with disabilities).

The Registered Energy Advisor program is one step toward the transition to increased energy efficiency in Manitoba. Canada has committed to recruit, train, and mentor new Energy Advisors across the country. This evaluation, performed by a Manitoba Certified Energy Advisor, gives homeowners a better understanding of how their home uses energy now — and identifies retrofits to help improve energy efficiency. This program will strengthen and expand a knowledgeable, growing, and diverse workforce while ensuring consistent and professional services to homeowners in Manitoba.



## Key Highlights of the Registered Energy Advisor Training Program

- Fast-Tracked, Part-Time, and Online Education
- Exciting, Diverse, Dynamic, In-Demand Career
- MEIA Tuition Subsidy Available to All Applicants
- Inclusivity Focused Women, Indigenous Peoples, Persons with disabilities, Racialized Individuals and Individuals who identify as LGBTQ2+
- Meaningful Career in the Environmental Sector



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