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IT Skills in Demand

From a survey conducted among individuals who expect to hire IT professionals in 2010, six skills were seen as most in demand. Read the article [here](#).

LinkedIn

Are you on LinkedIn? Join the *Mentoring Connections* group.

LinkedIn is a professional networking site that can help you stay informed about your contacts and industry. *Mentoring Connections* utilizes this professional networking tool to connect with local professionals as well as their clients.

Do you blog?

If you have a blog, tell us about it! Send us the web addresses, we would love to read it!

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Looking Ahead

2010 is going to be a big year for the city of Vancouver. As the city prepares to welcome the world, in a little office over on Main and Terminal, the *Mentoring Connections* program plans to continue their work finding mentors and matching them with skilled immigrants.

The program will organize more events for their clients, as well as their volunteers. *Mentoring Connections* hopes to continue with the industry-themed networking events that have been received so well in the past year. To supplement the networking events, the program will also host, "Industry Insights," which will give a small group of participants the opportunity to discuss industry-specific topics with an experienced professional working in the field.

To help clients cultivate important skills, *Mentoring Connections* will be developing workshops in the coming months that will cover topics like LinkedIn, Motivation, and Networking.

Upcoming Events in 2010

Here is a tentative monthly schedule of events that *Mentoring Connections* has planned:

January

- January 27th - All Industry Networking Event with HR Professionals

March

- Linked In Workshop
- Accounting Networking Event

April

- Workshop on Motivation
- IT Industry Networking Event

May

- Networking Workshop
- Manufacturing Networking Event

June

- Mentoring Connections' 2nd Anniversary

For more information on these events, keep an eye on your email.

Royal Bank Scholarships for New Canadians

Do you know a New Canadian with a unique vision of Canada?

Royal Bank is offering a scholarship for New Canadians. Applicants can win a \$3,500 scholarship when they share their vision of Canada.

For further details, visit this [website](#).

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