## READY TO WORK GRADUATE



## Cielito Marquez

When Cielito Marquez arrived in Canada ten years ago, she had already earned two degrees in the Philippines. She also left behind a good job as an Executive Secretary for a film and video production company.

Even with her education and work experience, Cielito encountered many barriers to developing a career in Canada.

"Although I had strong organizational skills, a good education and extensive work experience in my home country, I lacked the relevant Canadian work experience and education. This made it difficult to even get an interview for a good job. I quickly lost my confidence."

Cielito moved from job to job, taking on positions in general administration, data entry, shipping and guest room attendant. Just prior to hearing about the Ready to Work Program, she was on Employment Insurance and only working part-time as a Box Office Agent.

Ready to Work was a turning point for Cielito.

After completing the program, Cielito updated her resume to include the certificates she earned from OTEC. It didn't take long before she started receiving calls from prospective employers.

Today, Cielito is enjoying her great job at Caesars Casino in Windsor. In addition, she has developed a real passion for the tourism and hospitality field, and looks forward to a promising and successful career.

## **Graduate Profile**

Name:

Cielito R. Marquez

**Country of origin:** 

**Philippines Arrived in Canada:** 

November 2000

**Current Employment:** 

Gaming Admin Clerk at Caesars Windsor Casino





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