

GREAT SPIRIT CIRCLE TRAIL: SUCCESS STORY

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When he found out that the new Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre was looking for staff, Micheal Eshkawkogan knew he wanted to work there. Having previously taken a food handling course, Michael was excited when he learned that he had been accepted into the Great Spirit Circle Trail Food and Beverage Server training program.

What made this training program unique was that the training was actually part of the recruitment process. Facilitated by OTEC and based on *emerit* National Occupational Standards, Michael was soon immersed in the five day training program, learning everything he would be required to know to be a successful Food and Beverage Service Professional.

After the training, Micheal was thrilled to learn that he was one of 20 participants offered employment at the hotel and conference centre.

“When I saw this place being built I never thought I would be able to get a job here,” said Micheal. “I love my job here – it makes me proud as a First Nation member to see this hotel built by our communities and our people working here. Self-sustaining, self-sufficient; this is one step forward toward growth in our First Nation communities.”

Micheal currently oversees the Conference Centre at the new Manitoulin Hotel.

“I look forward to coming to work every day,” said Micheal. “I get to meet so many people and I am so proud of this place!”

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