

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

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SCHOOL BOARDS

ABORIGINAL - Newstart Alternative Education

Grand Erie District School Board, Six Nations,
New Credit

Target Group: Native students from Six Nations or New Credit at risk of dropping out or early leavers.

Provides a friendly and supportive environment in which students can work towards their O.S.S.D. Subjects include intermediate and senior level course credits as well as two senior level co-op credits. The goal of the program is to promote unity between home, school, work and community.

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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

G.E.L.A.—Grand Erie Learning Alternatives
Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Students at risk of dropping out of school with a desire to continue education. May have attendance issues and require a non-traditional learning environment.

G.E.L.A. provides an alternative learning environment that allows students to experience success and improve self-concept which will facilitate re-entry to education or the workplace.

The program offers a multi-level class, core credits (some open courses), social and life skills component. There is a focus on literacy and numeracy. The program is dependent upon the learning styles and needs of the student, but will focus on the attainment of secondary credits.

Three locations in Brantford, Simcoe and Oshweken.

Contact the Guidance Department at your local secondary school for a referral appointment. Contact information on back cover.

G.E.L.A. – Grand Erie Learning Alternatives Adult and Continuing Education
Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Mature students seeking to upgrade. Call for program eligibility criteria and location.

Adult Day School – 4 credit programs in the following areas:

Business Basics
Customer Service
Technology in the Workplace

Location: City Centre Campus, Market Square,
Brantford
Call 519-759-1412

English as a Second Language – offered in Brantford and Simcoe

Call 519-751-2059 or 519-759-5670

GED – General Education Development – Pretest and preparation to write the GED examination (fee for service)

Call 519-753-6079

ILC – Independent Learning Courses – Earn credits towards your diploma at your own pace. Guidance and teacher support available locally. Course materials available in Brantford and Simcoe
Call 519-753-6079 Brantford or 519-426-7916
Simcoe

Literacy and Basic Skills – Full time and part time classes in Brantford, Simcoe and Dunnville. Upgrading skills or preparation for credit classes or workplace. Classes run September to June, continuous intake.

Call 519-752-4253 or 519-759-5670

Night School – Earn 1 credit each semester toward your diploma.

Call 519-753-6079

CO-OP EDUCATION

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Students wanting to develop or enhance interests and get experience in chosen fields in the workplace.

Students must be in Gr. 11 or 12, take or have successfully completed related courses and complete a pre-placement orientation

Co-Operative Education consists of a classroom component and work placement and prepares the student for successful participation in a work placement.

Contact the Guidance or Co-Operative Education Department at your school as listed on back cover

SCHOOL BOARDS

CREDIT RECOVERY

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Students who have not successfully completed all their Grade 9 and 10 compulsory courses.

This program offers students an opportunity to complete courses that were previously taken. Credit Recovery courses focus on the overall expectations of the course and prepares students to achieve Grade 9 and compulsory credits.

Available at all secondary schools, contact the Student Success Teacher. Contact information on back cover.

LEARNING CENTRES

Grand Erie District School Board
St. Leonard's Community Services

Target Group: Students 16-19 years old experiencing difficulty in the mainstream learning environment.

The purpose of the program is to re-engage the student in the learning process and transition back to the mainstream educational system after no more than one school year. This program offers the opportunity to pursue credit recovery, in class credits and ILC credit attainment in a supportive, hands-on learning environment. Maximum class size is 10 and a Child and Youth Worker supports the teacher and students. Students are involved in community volunteering and experiential learning through guest speakers, workplace tours and specialized course content.

Contact: St. Leonard's Community Services
Sue Hardy, Supervisor
519-756-7665

MOYAP—Mohawk Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Students with co-operative education experience with O.S.S.D. compulsory

credits completed, be a registered apprentice.

Enable students to begin in-school apprenticeship training at the college level in specified areas. Students are registered as apprentices and begin their formal apprenticeship training while they are in high school. Two days per week students attend college. Three days per week, students earn co-op credits (up to 4) working as an apprentice in their trade. This combined program allows students to begin trade training at a MTCU approved site and earn co-operative education credits while completing their O.S.S.D. requirements.

Contact the Guidance or Co-Operative Education Department at your school as listed on back cover

OYAP—Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Senior secondary school students interested in the skilled trades. Must be at least 16 years of age, enrolled full-time, completed 16 credits. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from placement work sites.

Students learn a skilled trade while completing diploma requirements. The co-operative teacher monitors the work placement with the employer and the student is registered with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities who administers and regulates the program. Students will accumulate hours towards an apprenticeship.

Contact the Guidance or Co-Operative Education Department at your school as listed on back cover

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS WEBSITE

Allows young people to explore options through a variety of surveys and links

Grand Erie District School Board:

www.mypathway.ca

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

www.pathways4success.ca

SCHOOL BOARDS

SENIOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Target Group: At-risk students, 15-17 years old with less than 14 credits, unsuccessful in the mainstream program, school engagement issues.

Goals of the program are to provide an alternative learning site, opportunity for students to earn credits, transition back to mainstream school, determine Pathway opportunities to assist with destination planning.

Will provide credit recovery and co-operative education opportunities. The program offers the involvement of a Youth Care worker and Social Worker. Program components involve the use of guest speakers on relevant topics.

Contact the Guidance Department at Assumption College or St. John's College – contact information on back cover.

SWAC - School Within a College

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, Grand Erie District School Board, Fanshawe College, Mohawk College

Target Group: Students 17-21 years of age, with 18-24 credits completed, interested in exploring a specific career path. May currently be in secondary school, contemplating dropping out before graduation or school leavers.

SWAC is a learning opportunity offered by a partnership of the two local School Boards, Mohawk and Fanshawe College. It offers a variety of programs available to students of either the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board or the Grand Erie District School Board at Mohawk College, Brantford, or Fanshawe College, Simcoe. It provides an opportunity for senior secondary students to explore a specific career pathway while earning both secondary and college credits at the same time (Dual Credits). Students take college courses taught by a team of secondary and college teachers. In addition, with the help of a secondary teacher, they can take other secondary credits they need to graduate

The program offerings may vary from year to year based on identified need and availability of space and staff. Currently we are offering program choices in the Trades, Business, Human and Community Services and various Apprenticeships. Students apply through their Guidance Counsellors

at the local secondary schools, are recommended to the SWAC Team and engage in an Intake process. Up to 20 students can be accommodated in each of the programs.

Mohawk College, Brantford

Trades 1—Manufacturing and Construction

Trades 2—Facilities Maintenance and Welding

Trades 3—Apprenticeship exploration

Business—Communications, Success Strategies, Information Technology for Business, Design Applications, Marketing

Fanshawe College, Simcoe

Human and Community Services— Self

Management/Self Direction, Preparation for Helping, Canadian Families

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Betty Anne Jackson, Coordinator
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SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Registered students who are interested in pursuing a selection of courses focused in a particular sector leading to a diploma with a recognized specialty.

Currently offered at Hagersville Secondary School, Cayuga Secondary School and McKinnon Park Secondary School. Students select a major in either construction, hospitality or transportation and will take 9-11 credits focused on the chosen sector. Sector recognized certifications and co-operative education opportunities are a part of the program. Students can look forward to excellent prospects after obtain a SHSM designation.

Currently in development at BHNCD SB are Business, Construction and Hospitality and Tourism High Skills Majors for implementation in September of 2008.

Additional secondary schools may offer SHSM in a variety of sectors in future years.

Contact the Guidance or Co-Operative Education Department at your local school as listed on back cover.

SCHOOL BOARDS

STEP—Student Transition Experience Program

Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Students at risk of not graduating, will be entering the workforce after secondary school

This program combines courses, experiential learning and certification training. Offered at BCI, Cayuga, Delhi, Hagersville, McKinnon Park, North Park, Pauline Johnson, Simcoe, Tollgate, Valley Heights and Waterford.

Contact the Guidance or Co-Operative Education Department at your local school as listed on back cover

SUMMER SCHOOL

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Grand Erie District School Board

Summer School is offered to improve literacy and numeracy skills, earn a full credit, repeat a full course, improve a grade or to transfer from an Applied course to an Academic course.

Contact the Guidance Department at your local school as listed on back cover.

TURNING POINT

Grand Erie District School Board

Target Group: Students between the ages of 16-20 who wish to continue credit accumulation while working at a paid or unpaid co-op placement.

Located in Brantford, Caledonia, Cayuga, Delhi, Hagersville, Langton, Paris and Simcoe

A combination of work experience and independent study/teacher instructed credit courses, Turning Point is offered in an alternative learning environment to assist students earn credits towards their O.S.S.D. Students are encouraged to acquire their own co-op placement which could be an existing part-time or full-time job.

See contact information on back cover.

COLLEGES

ADULT UPGRADING/ESSENTIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Fanshawe College, Simcoe

Target Group: Adult learners who want to improve their academic/essential skills for entry to further education, to find and/or maintain employment or increase their independence. 19+ years of age, exceptions may be made for those under 19 who demonstrate maturity.

- A free upgrading program in Simcoe
- Preparation for employment, further education or further skills training
- Basic to more advanced levels including ACE and GED
- Individualized learning plans designed to meet the specific needs of each learner
- We provide all preparation materials and resources for learners to access
- A flexible schedule to assist in fitting education in to a busy life
- Self paced learning
- Skills assessment
- Day and evening classes
- Transportation and childcare assistance may be available to eligible learners

Contact: Tracey McIntyre, Consultant
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COLLEGE & CAREER PREPARATION ACE – ACADEMIC & CAREER ENTRANCE

Mohawk College, Brantford

Target Group: 16+ years of age, out of school mature student status

This **TUITION-FREE** program is equivalent to Grade 12 math and English for purposes of admission to College, Postsecondary and Apprenticeship (and is recognized by many employers).

Program includes:

- flexible hours and continuous intake
- a personal academic assessment
- an individualized 'learning plan'
- self-paced and goal-oriented learning
- Financial assistance for day care and/or travel expenses for eligible participants.

This academic preparation program will benefit you if you:

- Do not have the admission requirements (i.e. math and/or English) for the college program to which you want to apply
- Want to register as an apprentice but did not finish high school - or completed high school some time ago and need to review
- Need to upgrade your English and math skills before using GED (www.ilc.org) preparatory materials
- Need a "Grade 12 Equivalency" to be considered for employment advancement or promotion

Program Availability:

The College and Career Preparation Program offers both day and evening classes. Classes run from September to June and start dates are available every month.

Brantford Monday to Friday
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Monday & Wednesday
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Dunnville Tuesday & Thursday
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Contact: Lorraine Vasiliauskas
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upgrading@mohawkcollege.ca

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP WELDING

Mohawk College, Brantford

Target Group: 16+ years of age

This is a 32 week program – 24 weeks in school and an 8 week work placement

Provides the Basic Level (Level 1) of the Welder Apprenticeship Program, thus allowing graduates to complete the rest of the program in a shorter time period. Provides academic upgrading in math, communications and trade science to Grade 12 equivalency, which is the entry level requirement to the Welding Trade. Upgrading is done using the Career and College Preparation Program model and materials.

The work placement is paid and hours can be counted towards subsequent apprenticeship registration.

COLLEGES

Contact: Edith Csiszar
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Edith.csiszar@mohawkcollege.ca

COMMUNITY AGENCIES

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK LITERACY COUNCIL

Target Group: Assisting adults to improve their reading, writing, math and use of English

19+ years old (exceptions may be made for those under 19 who demonstrate maturity)

Adults without the literacy skills necessary to find and keep a job or to meet everyday needs

Are out of school (temporary support up to three months can be given for learners enrolled in other programs)

Must be able to state a literacy goal and make measurable progress

We offer two programs:

- Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as Second Language (ESL)

Program Information:

- One-to-one – volunteer tutors available
- Small group classes
- Free & confidential (students are encouraged to purchase resources, but may borrow them if finances are a concern)
- Adults may start any time
- Year round except July & August

Simcoe Office and Adult Learning Centre

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Dunnville Office and Adult Learning Centre

Susan Dolan (Haldimand Coordinator)
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LITERACY COUNCIL OF BRANTFORD & DISTRICT

Target Group: Adults looking to improve their literacy and/or numeracy skills for any of the following:

- To obtain/maintain employment
 - Go on to further education or training (grade 12, apprenticeship, post-secondary)
- Increased independence

Individuals over the age of 19 and not in a school system (exceptions may be made for those under 19 who demonstrate maturity)

Trained tutors work with adult learners in a 1:1 or small group setting to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of adults and older youth.

Contact: Lori Bruner

Located inside the Brantford Public Library
519-758-1664
brantliteracycouncil@bfree.on.ca
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OSTTC – OGWEHOWEH Skills and Trades Training Centre

CSI – Committed to Self Improvement

Target Group: Individuals interested in building upon their self-confidence, personal initiative and their responsibilities in life and gain credits towards their O.S.S.D.

- Youth 19 – 30 years
- Not yet earned a Grade 12 diploma
- Unemployed
- Have completed one full year of high school
- Committed to attend and participate everyday

CSI is an 11 week life skills and career planning program. The focus is to provide participants with skills to assist in coping with life more effectively. All lessons centre on everyday life situations and scenarios which allow participants to build upon strengths and weaknesses in a positive manner.

Through guidance and career education, participants became more confident, motivated and effective learners focusing on future career plans.

Participants in the CSI program will complete a 2 week on the job training placement during their 11 weeks.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES

Skills training workshops will be CPR/First Aid, WHMIS, Budgeting, Basic Automotive Repair, Resume and Cover letter writing, Networking, computer basics and Power Point training.

Contact:

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OSTTC – OGWEHOWEH Skills and Trades Training Centre

Onwards and Upwards

Target Group: Individuals interested in building upon their self-confidence, personal initiative and their responsibilities in life and gain credits towards their O.S.S.D.

- Adults ages 31 and older
- Not yet earned a Grade 12 diploma
- Unemployed
- Committed to attend and participate everyday

Onwards and Upwards is a 6 week life skills and career planning program. The focus is to provide participants with skills to assist in coping with life more effectively. All lessons centre on everyday life situations and scenarios which allow participants to build upon strengths and weaknesses in a positive manner.

Through guidance and career education, participants became more confident, motivated and effective learners focusing on future career plans.

Skills training workshops will be CPR/First Aid, WHMIS, Budgeting, Basic Automotive Repair, Resume and Cover letter writing, Networking, computer basics and Power point training.

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OSTTC – OGWEHOWEH Skills and Trades Training Centre

GED – General Education Development

Target Group: Individuals who wish to build upon their academic success.

- Participants ages 18 years and older
- Have not graduated from high school
- Have been out of the school system for at least one full year
- Be a resident of Ontario

All participants must complete a four-hour assessment in all five subject areas. Depending on the assessment results participants may be required to attend a two week intensive training challenge or a ten week intensive training

Participants are assessed in order to craft individual learning plans. Through regular monitoring and assistance of a full time instructor, participants can enhance their personal, academic preparedness in all five subject areas: Reading, Writing, Math with calculator and without calculator, Science and Social Studies.

Students will also have independent study using both the PLATO (computer program) modules and tests.

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