

Ministry of Education (EDU)

Supporting Adult Learners in Ontario

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Adult Credit Programs

- Over the last decade, approximately **75,000** adults (aged 18 and over) per year enrolled in **Adult, Alternative** and **Continuing Education** programs in Ontario
- In recent years, approximately **50%** were between **18-25** years of age
- In **2019-20**, **\$84.5M*** was provided to school boards to support Adult and Continuing Education programs
- **\$2.53M** was provided to recognize prior learning for mature students

*includes after-school, night, and weekend credit programs for adolescent learners

Flexible Adult Credit Delivery Options

- ✓ Continuous intake
- ✓ Semesters /
Quadmesters
- ✓ Up to 6 terms per year
(September – August)

- **In-person**
- **Remote Learning**
- **Online Learning**
- **Self-Study / Correspondence**
- **Cooperative Education**

Continuing Education and Other Programs

Adult Day School

Summer School

Continuing Education Credit (day, after school, night & weekend)

Correspondence/Self-Study/Online Learning

Literacy and Math Outside the School Day (non-credit)

International and Indigenous Languages - Elementary (IILE) Program (non-credit)

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students

Adult Non-credit Indigenous Languages

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students

PLAR is a process whereby the knowledge and skills adults acquired, in both formal and informal ways outside secondary school, are recognized for credit

- This is a formal evaluation process, conducted by the principal, by which adults can earn up to **26 of 30** credits required for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- This policy is outlined in Policy/Program Memoranda No. 132: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students (2003)

Pre-Employment / Pre-Apprenticeship Training offered within Adult Credit programs

- Basic Military Training (Co-op)
- Culinary Arts
- Custodial Services
- Childcare Assistant
- Hairstyling
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- Personal Support Worker (PSW)



Personal Support Worker Initiative

In **2021-22**, to support the expansion of PSWs in Ontario, **\$33M** in funding was provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) to:

- Provide one-time financial support to students enrolled in a PSW program at an Ontario district school board
 - Eligible students could receive up to **\$7,115** for equipment, books and other mandatory fees, as well as a stipend for a guaranteed work placement

CESBA: Ontario Association of Continuing Education School Board Administrators (CESBA)



Visit this website to find out about PSW offerings at school boards in your community

<https://cesba.com/get-my-psw/>



Become a Personal Support Worker through your local school board.

Get your certificate in as little as five months.

- **Get hired.** School board PSW programs are highly regarded by employers. Most students get a job offer by the time they graduate.
- **It's free!** Register by March 2022 to take your courses for free AND get a stipend on your work placement.
- **It's flexible.** Some programs offer part-time or evening classes.
- **Earn your diploma.** If you don't have a high school diploma, you can work on it at the same time as your PSW.
- **Gain credits for other health care careers.** Become a PSW while earning prerequisites for college programs like nursing or pharmacy.



Additional Options for Adults

Distance Learning through the TVO Independent Learning Centre (ILC)

- The Independent Learning Centre (ILC) served over **22,000** Ontario students (including adolescent public and private school students) in **2020-21**

GED (General Education Development) Testing offered through the ILC

- In **2019-20**, **1,580** candidates wrote the GED test series in Ontario, and **1,138** were successful in acquiring their GED Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to ensure appropriate health and safety precautions, TVO began offering two GED test writing options for Ontarians – paper-based and computer-based tests.





Adult Dual Credit Enrolment

- 2020-21: 1,196
- 2021-22: 1,187 (projected)

Student Eligibility

Adults who need the additional support in order to achieve their goal of earning their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and making a successful transition to postsecondary education (college or apprenticeship).

After Adult Dual Credits

Participants have access to one-on-one and group support from a college advisor, and funding to cover Ontario post-secondary institution application fees.