

Contact North | Contact Nord

Ontario's Distance Education & Training Network

Le réseau d'éducation et de formation à distance de l'Ontario

Distance education and training

A Presentation to Northern Region

Ontario Works Administrators

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Overview

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What is Contact North | Contact Nord?

- Established by the Government of Ontario in 1986; Contact North | Contact Nord is your distance education and training network.
- We are funded by the Government of Ontario to provide access to education and training opportunities in 600 small, rural, remote Aboriginal and Francophone communities across Ontario.

What is Contact North | Contact Nord?

- Provides direct services and supports in English and French to students and prospective students and Ontario's 24 public colleges, 22 public universities and 250 literacy and basic skills and training providers.
- Generates 40,000 student registrations annually for the colleges, universities, literacy and basic skills and training providers, an increase of 150% over the past 5 years.

Distance Education & Training Options

- Over 1,000 programs and 18,000 courses are available from Ontario's 24 public colleges, 22 public universities, and 250 literacy and basic skills and training providers without having to leave their community
 - College certificates, diplomas, and courses
 - University degrees, both undergraduate and graduate
 - GED and Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma
 - Workplace skills courses and certifications
 - Adult literacy and upgrading courses
 - Professional development courses

And so much more!

Advantages of Distance Education

- Offers the convenience of being able to take programs and courses from either one of our 112 centres or from the convenience of your home.
- Allows you to pursue your education and training goals at your pace.
- Provides the opportunity to work towards certifications and credentials while being employed; earn while you learn!



Education and Training Partners

- 24 Public Colleges
- 22 Public Universities
- 250 Literacy and Basic Skills and Training Providers

College and University Partners



Adult Literacy and Essential Skills Partners

Courses and training provided by the following literacy partners are available free of charge and represent each of the five streams for online adult literacy and upgrading including:

- Aboriginal
- Academic and Career Entrance
- Anglophone
- Deaf and hard of hearing
- Francophone



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Grade 12

- Various options are available to complete a Grade 12 diploma or to attend college, including:
 - Mature Student Test
 - CAAT Test
 - PLAR
 - Academic Upgrading
 - GED
 - ILC
- There are fast or slow pathways to attain a high school diploma – the choice is yours.



Ontario Works Partnerships

- Contact North | Contact Nord works with community stakeholders such as Ontario Works to identify their clients' broad education and training needs, to ascertain existing supports and infrastructure, and to develop an action plan.
- Contact North | Contact Nord works with each individual client to provide study options unique to them.

Ontario Works Partnerships

- Contact North | Contact Nord builds capacity for Ontario Works administrators by providing attendance reports and client education and training updates. (Clients are asked to sign a privacy disclosure consent form to share their information with Ontario Works.)
- Contact North | Contact Nord continues to walk the path with clients through regular follow-ups and the identification of 'next steps' towards their education and training goals.

Ontario Works Specific Initiatives

- The First Step Program: Assists clients with developing short-, medium-, and long-term education and training goal paths.
- The Job Readiness Program: Builds clients' employability essential skills.
- The Post-Secondary Readiness Program: Assists clients in linking their career goals with the necessary education and training to attain employment, and the options to access post-secondary education.
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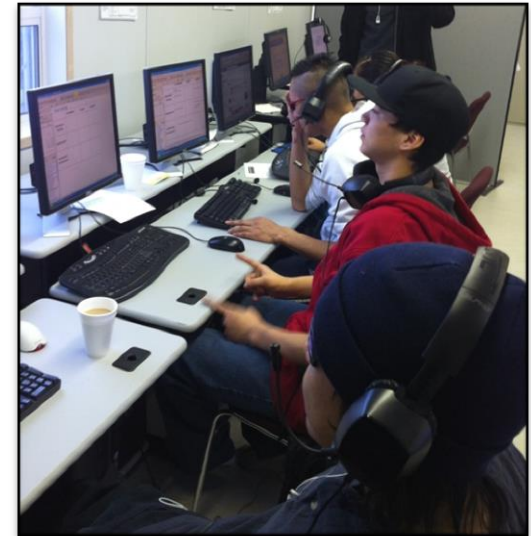
Note: The development of these programs is based on consultations with several First Nations communities and stakeholders. There is no cost to take these programs.

The Impact



“Thanks to Contact North, I was able to take literacy and essential skills courses right from my home community of Wasauksing First Nation. I then took upgrading and now have just completed my first year of the Police Foundations program.” – Ivy Tabobandung, Wasauksing First Nation

“It’s wonderful that our community now has access to so many courses and programs and support through our partnership with Contact North, which allows our community members to stay in the community and still work towards their education and training goals.”
– Chief Theresa Spence, Attawapiskat First Nation



How to get more information

Let the team at Contact North | Contact Nord help you find information and options to reach your education and training goals, your way.

- For individual client requests, please connect with Contact North | Contact Nord's Student Information Officers. They can be reached toll-free at 1-877-999-9149 or by e-mail at studentinformationhotline@contactnorth.ca.
- Program and course information is available 24/7 at studyonline.ca.
- To discuss broad community Ontario Works strategies, please contact tina@contactnorth.ca.

Thank you!

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