

## **Community Continuing Education (CCE)**

CCE provides programming in current elementary and secondary schools as well as in leased locations across the region. Community-based programs provide service in the following areas:

- *Adult Day School*
- *Literacy & Basic Skills (LBS)*  
Supporting the pathway to community living, our Literacy & Basic Skills Program (funded by MCTU) supports adults returning to school to enhance their academic skills or readiness to access the job market. The goal of the LBS Program is to enhance literacy skills and improve life skills.
- *English as a Second Language (ESL)*  
These programs are designed to support English language acquisition as learners pursue pathways such as Apprenticeship, College, University, Work or Community.
- *LINC – Language Instruction for New Canadians (LINC)*  
The purpose of LINC is to provide language instruction for newcomers to Canada. LINC is offered at five CCE sites and is funded through the Federal Government Citizenship & Immigration Department. The goal of the program is to assist newcomers in transitioning to Canada. Graduates of the LINC program generally transition into our ESL Program.

Client accessibility is paramount in Community and Continuing Education. The programs must be provided in the locations where the clients can access them. With this in mind, MCTU and CIC contribute towards the leases of our locations. In addition, the community-based programs generally have adult clients who are returning to complete a secondary school diploma. An “adult environment” is critical for their learning.

## **Alternative Education**

Secondary Alternative Education Programs are designed to meet the needs of students who are experiencing challenges in the traditional secondary school environment. These programs are offered in Board-owned sites (i.e. Crestwood, Parkside) and in off-site, accessible locations. The off-site locations provide students with a unique alternative environment. For example, the Turning Point program at Mohawk College is designed to place senior students in a post-secondary environment while providing access to the College’s resources (i.e. Career Centre).

The King William Centre is a joint project between CCE and Alternative Education, which is located in the downtown core. The program location is on bus routes and is easy to access. Prior to occupancy, the location was renovated to HWDSB specifications in order to provide an alternative learning environment. Programs located in community locations are able to provide students with flexibility in structure that is not always possible in a traditional secondary school.