

Adult learning

Huron County offers variety of learning opportunities

Huron County, with its wide variety of adult learning options, makes it easy to study whatever you are interested in closer to home.

Adults of any age and background can take courses to build their knowledge and skills. At any time, an adult learner can study for an Ontario High School Diploma, improve computer skills, take English language classes free, or pursue a university degree.

Huron has a wide variety of post-secondary and adult continuing education learning opportunities whatever your interests, goals, or educational level. New and emerging

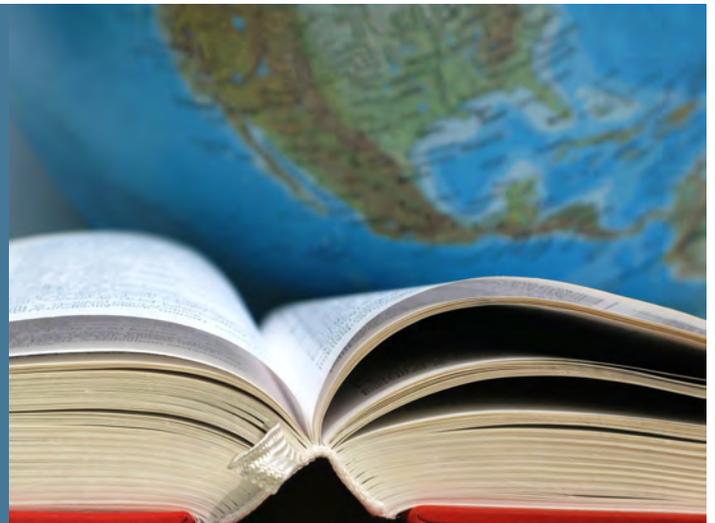
partnerships between nearby colleges and local institutions are both creating new and enhancing established in-class and online learning options.

In this edition of the Make Huron Home newsletter, we focus on these local opportunities, giving our readers an overview of learning options and providers in Huron County.

Feel free to contact any of the providers mentioned to pursue your educational goals, whether it is for a personal interest or a post-secondary credit course.

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”

- Henry Ford



Adult continuing and post-secondary education opportunities

Centre for Employment & Learning

The Centres for Employment & Learning is a one-stop employment and educational facility bringing the world of learning to Huron County residents.



Advanced) during morning, afternoon, or evening class sessions. The English as a Second Language program teaches skills in:

- speaking
- writing
- listening
- reading
- computers/business

“The Centres for Employment & Learning provide learning opportunities with a focus on employment. Our continuum of learning and employment programs and services is accessed by adult learners in whatever manner makes sense to the achievement of their goals. Most learning is self-paced, individualized and self-directed with the support of our staff.” - *From Our Mandate*

The Centres for Employment and Learning offer:

- Free computer courses such as:
 - Word 2010
 - Excel 2010
 - Access 2010
 - PowerPoint 2010
 - Windows 7
 - Internet and Emailing
 - Dreamweaver
- High school credits and academic upgrading
- GED Preparation
- English as a Second Language (ESL): ESL classes are offered at three levels (Beginner, Intermediate, and

- Skills Upgrading & Readiness Program (SURP): SURP is a FREE program providing learner-centred, task-based upgrading opportunities for adults preparing for employment, apprenticeship, secondary school credit (Grade 12), and post-secondary education.
 - Career Planning
 - Employment services: resumes, interview skills, job search, Second Career

Centres for Employment and Learning are located in:

- Clinton 60 Mary St. 519.482.1700
- Exeter 349 Main St. 519.235.0471
- Goderich 41 West St. 519.524.2515
- Seaforth 138 Main St. 519.235.0471 ext. 350
- Wingham 152 Josephine St. 519.357.4995

Visit www.thecentreforemploymentandlearning.ca for more information.

Contact North/E-Learn Network

Study for a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree in any field or discipline with a college or university of your choice. The possibilities are endless.

Contact North/E-Learn Network provides online continuing education options for Huron County residents. Providing access to both college and university level programs and courses, Contact North enables learners to learn at home with support from the local learning and employment

Contact North centres.

[@elearnnetwork.ca](http://elearnnetwork.ca)

Learn where you live! Contact North | elearnnetwork.ca works with colleges, universities, high schools, and

literacy organizations in Ontario. Take classes through e-learning, video or audio at our local centre or from home.

Visit www.contactnorth.ca, 349 Main St. Exeter, ON; phone 519.235.1232 or email exeter@contactnorth.ca.

The LearningHUB

The LearningHUB is a free Literacy and Basic Skills Upgrading program offered by The Centres for Employment & Learning of the Avon Maitland District School Board. The LearningHUB provides flexible, online opportunities to upgrade reading, writing, math, computer and other essential workplace skills to adults in Ontario so they can:

- Be prepared to get a job, or to perform better in an existing job
- Be ready to take a secondary school credit course or Grade 12 equivalency test (GED)
- Be more comfortable entering a college, university or apprenticeship program
- Feel better about themselves and their ability to reach their life goals.

The following NEW Short Courses are now available (about



25 hours of content per course):

- Becoming a Lifelong Learner
- Conflict Resolution Skills and Strategies
- It's Your Job
- Feeding a Family
- Creating your Digital Footprint
- Managing Your Money
- Exploring Apprenticeship
- Learning Strategies for Students with Learning Disabilities/ADHD

For course descriptions and scheduling, visit: www.learninghub.ca

For more information about the LearningHUB, contact the The Centre for Employment & Learning in Clinton, phone: 519.482.1700 x 206 or email info.learninghub@gmail.com.

QUILL Learning Network

Quality in Lifelong Learning (QUILL) Network is one of 16 regional literacy networks in Ontario funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. QUILL Network can help connect adults to essential skills upgrading programs. All programs are free and based on individual needs and goals.

If you want to earn more high school credits, get your GED (General Educational Development) certificate, or take college or apprenticeship courses, literacy programs will prepare you for success.

Programs will also benefit adults who need to upgrade their skills for current or future jobs. Based in Walkerton,



QUILL serves Bruce, Grey, Huron, and Perth Counties.

Literacy programs can help you:

- Improve your skills for present or future work
- Prepare for the GED or high school credits
- Upgrade your skills for post-secondary courses or apprenticeship training
- Become more independent

Contact the QUILL Learning Network at their office located at 200 McNab St., Suite 202, Walkerton or call 519.881.4655, toll-free: 1.800.530.6852. Check out their website at www.quillnetwork.com.

Healthkick

HealthKick uses a multi-pronged approach to encourage healthcare professionals to live and work in rural Ontario. Based in Seaforth, Huron County, and co-located with the Huron community Family Health Team and the Gateway Rural Research Institute, the project has five main strategies - Rural HealthCare Exploration, Rural Healthcare Work Placements, Rural Healthcare Training Programs, Rural Healthcare Experience, Community Engagement.



HealthKick Huron, in partnership with Georgian College, coordinates the local delivery of healthcare related education and training programs. Seaforth is the main site for local training; however, additional sites include Zurich

and Wingham. A unique training delivery model using video conferencing in some programs offers close-to-home sites that make in-person courses very attractive. Post-secondary programs offered:

- Practical Nursing
- Personal Support Worker
- Pre-Health Sciences Certificate
- Food Service Worker

HealthKick Huron is located at 32B Centennial Dr., Seaforth. Phone 519.600.2273 x502 to find out more about their learning opportunities or visit www.healthkickhuron.ca.

Emergency Services Training Centre

The Emergency Services Training Centre (ESTC) in Blyth, Ontario has become a model for fire, emergency response and corporate training in Ontario.



- Create programs for the 88% of Ontario fire departments with volunteer members; and
- Create programs for the agricultural community in mid-western Ontario

The ESTC is an excellent facility providing firefighter and emergency responder training for municipalities and companies. Through partnerships with accredited training providers, the ESTC provides the high quality instruction that responders need to deal with today's ever-changing demands.

Recent course offerings include:

- Crisis Communications
- Propane Emergencies Level 1
- Propane Emergencies Level 2
- Carbon Monoxide Awareness
- Scribe Training

The ESTC was designed to:

- Develop unique programs to meet the specific demands of the target groups, with special training requirements
- Establish mutually beneficial relationships with various organizations

Contact the ESTC by phoning 226.523.9500 or visit www.estc.ca to learn more or register for an upcoming course.

Lake Huron Learning Collaborative

Lake Huron Learning Collaborative (LHLC) is dedicated to providing affordable and accessible in-class training in Huron and Bruce counties. Since 2004, LHLC has formed partnerships with local teachers and educational institutions to offer a variety of post-secondary, professional development and interest courses at its centres in Goderich and Kincardine.



following post-secondary courses in Goderich:

- Early Childhood Education series
- Project Management Certificate program
- Excel Spreadsheets
- Marketing Digitally
- Organizational Business Communications

In partnership with Fanshawe College, LHLC is offering the

For more information on upcoming post-secondary and adult education programs go to www.lakehuronlearning.ca or call 519.524.4154.

The REACH Centre

The REACH Centre: The Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron Inc., (REACH Huron) supports the agricultural community of southwestern Ontario with a special focus on equine studies. REACH offers a variety of learning opportunities for children and adults. REACH Huron offers innovative programming as well as recreational activities to support both the equine and agricultural industries.



- Health Care Office Assistant (Fanshawe College)
- Personal Support Worker (Fanshawe College)
- Equinology Equine Body Worker Certification Course (Hoof & Paw Body Workers Ltd.)
- Canine Massage Foundation Certification Course (Hoof & Paw Body Workers Ltd.)

Courses offered:

- The Performance Horse Handler certificate program (University of Guelph)
- Early Childhood Education - diploma program (Fanshawe College)

The REACH Centre is located at 169 Beech Street, Clinton. Phone: 519.482.3998 or visit www.reachhuron.ca to find out more about the above courses.

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