

The mission of New Horizons Adult Education Centre is to challenge and assist the community to learn and grow in an inclusive environment by promoting mutual respect, appreciating individual learning styles, and expecting each person to aspire to their personal best.

New Horizons Adult Education Centre
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Class schedules vary according to program.
Some evening classes are available.

2009-2010
Pre-Secondary
Secondary 1-5
Second Languages
Employment Programs
Social Integration Program
Reference & Referral Service
Services to Businesses



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About our Centre

Our Centre is centrally located in the city of Sherbrooke, close to the University of Sherbrooke and easily accessible by public transportation. Full-time students from outside the Sherbrooke area may be able to use the regular school bus system, if space permits.

The Centre offers a pleasant physical environment, conducive to adult learning. Students may be eligible to receive a laptop computer for their use. The Centre has a gymnasium used for leisure and sports activities. A student-run canteen and lunchroom offers light meals and snacks during class breaks and during the lunch period. A science lab is available for students to complete science course requirements.

Student Enrolment: Approximately 576 full-time and part-time students attend the Centre over the course of a school year.

Governing Board

Chair: Melanie Cutting, Community Representative

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Learning at our Centre

Academic Programs

Pre-Secondary and Secondary Education Services give adults the chance to continue their studies. By completing credits in English, French Second Language, Math, Social, Math-Science and technology and optional subjects, students may obtain a secondary school diploma.

Vocational Education Preparation Services provide adults the chance to obtain the pre-requisites for admission to a vocational education program.

Post-Secondary Education Preparation Services enable adults to obtain the pre-requisites for college or university studies. These may include Math, Physical Science, History, Physics, or Chemistry.

French and English Second Language Services (offered to businesses) are designed to develop communication skills.

Social Integration Services make it possible for adults with an intellectual handicap to learn the skills needed to function in their home and social life.

Literacy Services are offered to adults who wish to improve their reading and writing skills.

Job Links

Job Links, a job search and employment counseling service relocated at our Centre on Galt Street, is also under the direction of New Horizons Centre. This service, funded by *Emploi-Québec*, serves nearly 200 English-speaking Townshippers each year. They can be reached at 566-2422.

Job Links Staff 2009-2010:

Job Search Counselor: Anick Tremblay
Guidance Counselor: Danielle Robert
Support Staff: Donna Bray

Other Programs and Services

Other Services:

- Analysis of Prior Learning
- Placement Tests
- Secondary Studies Equivalency Test
- General Development Test
- General Educational Development (GED)
- Career Counselling
- Made-to-Measure Training for Business
- Second Language Evaluations
- Record of Learning

High School Highlights

Mentoring

Students in the academic program meet with a Teacher-Mentor on a regular basis in both group and individual meetings. The objectives of mentoring are to review ongoing progress and adjust existing goals, to help students develop skills which support their progress, and to foster independence and the development of high expectations.

Enhanced Learning Strategy

Eligible students (those with 15 hours a week or more) received an Apple iBook laptop computer for use at the Centre and at home. Students and teachers received training in the use of the iBooks, and experimented with their use in many projects throughout the year.

Summer School and Home Study

Summer school responds in particular to students wishing to complete requirements for CEGEP or Vocational studies before the start of the school year. Evening classes often permit people with full-time employment to continue their studies.

HOW WE KNOW WE ARE SUCCEEDING

Assessing Student Progress

Student progress in adult education is monitored on an individual basis. In most subject areas, students work at their own pace to accomplish their academic goals. Each student is assessed upon joining the Centre and is given an individual learning profile that outlines academic and other goals. This individual profile is updated as students write exams and obtain credits throughout the year.

The Success Plan of New Horizons Adult Education Centre 2009-2010 had goals in several areas:

High School for Adults (General Academics): To increase success rates in Mathematics, English and History.

Social Integration Services: To keep track of the progression of each student through program objectives identified for them.

Reception, Referral, Counselling, and Support Services: To continue to establish, expand and improve reception, referral, counselling and support services.

Job Links: To improve access to and increase the variety of services available.

Statistics for 2009-2010

Students successfully completed their objectives during 2009-2010 as follows:

Secondary School Diploma: 47

General Development Test (GDT): 27

Secondary Studies Equivalency Test (SSET): 4

Pre-requisites for Post secondary or Vocational Education: 5

General Educational Development (GED): 11

Services to Business

Classes financed by *Emploi-Québec*, were given by New Horizons to groups of people enrolled in the Secretarial and Accounting Studies at the Vocational Training Centre of Lennoxville, to provide English as Second Language training.

Nine individual second language evaluations were given to employees in the Health and Social Services sector. This service assists these organisations to ensure that employees are able to provide services in English to the communities they serve.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION SERVICE (SIS)

English-speaking adults with developmental or intellectual handicaps participate in this three-day-a-week program learning life skills such as laundry, cooking, shopping, eating out, and using public transit. Students also participate in recreational activities at school and in the community at large. Services are also given off-campus to clients of the *Centre Dixville*.

Students are divided into two groups, according to educational goals, with each group attending two days per week. Both groups undertook an Entrepreneurial Grant project, learning about aspects of small business.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Reception, referral, counselling and support services (also known as SARCA), at the Centre will continue to be a focus for development. The Adult Education sector will also be partially implementing and experiencing a non-mandatory curriculum reform similar to the one underway in the youth sector, beginning in the Fall of 2010. New Horizons staff members participate on many provincial-level committees and are actively involved in the preparation for training and development of new programs and services related to the reform, and implementation of the Government Policy on Lifelong Learning.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

New Horizons Adult Education Centre works with many community partners. Close collaboration with *Emploi-Québec* has resulted in the development of Job Links as a service to English-speaking Townships residents. Other community partners of the Centre include the following:

- Literacy in Action
- Mental Health Estrie
- Sarca regional Estrie
- Table de concertation Jeunesse de Sherbrooke
- Service Canada
- *Comité Éducation Santé Stanstead*
- Townshippers' Association
- Lennoxville & District Women's Centre
- *CLSCs, Centres local d'emploi, Centres jeunesse*
- *Centre de Réadaptation de l'Estrie*
- *Centre Dixville*