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CAREER CENTRE

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June 24, 2020

Dear Employer,

In the course of adapting to changes in your company due to COVID-19, you may be in the position of having to lay off employees and are concerned about supporting those who are struggling around their employment situation. Conestoga Career Centre may be able to help – connect them with us!

Conestoga Career Centre is an Employment Ontario Employment Service provider, which helps people find and keep work, make career decisions and explore training options, throughout Perth and Huron Counties.

Staff from the resource centre in Stratford support with pre-employment items, guidance using virtual technology, building relationships with employers that are looking to hire and offering information about community and government supports, **free** of charge.

If you know someone who needs assistance with writing a resume or cover letter, preparing for an interview, thinking about going back to school, retraining or connecting to employers, then they will benefit from talking with one of our Career Work Coaches about their next step.

Coaches are available to meet people in Huron and Perth counties by phone, zoom, and Microsoft teams, whatever works best! We hope that you will share this information with your staff and colleagues. Note: Participants do not need to be a student or graduate of Conestoga College to receive service. Everyone is welcome!

Please find attached flyers to highlight the two Employment Ontario offices in Stratford, as well as local training opportunities – talking to a Career Coach before planning for school is valuable, participants might be surprised how many options are available online as well.

Sincerely,

**Christy Bertrand**

Customer Service Liaison

Conestoga Career Centre

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# LOST YOUR JOB AND *NEED HELP* GETTING BACK ON YOUR FEET?

## We can help.

[www.conestogac.on.ca/careercentre](http://www.conestogac.on.ca/careercentre)

**CAREER CENTRE** is your one stop for personalized career and job search support. Services and resources are available at no cost to the job seeker or graduate.

We can help you reach your job goals! Connect with us, if you want to receive assistance with:

- Finding new employment and career opportunities
- Gaining a competitive edge by connecting with Conestoga affiliated employers
- Understanding the job market in your local area
- Accessing FREE technology including computers and printers
- Exploring training options to fit your needs
- Completing applications to access financial incentives for returning to school

**SERVICE LOCATIONS:** Kitchener, Waterloo, Stratford, and by appointment in Perth & Huron Counties, Elmira, New Hamburg, and Wellesley  
Is this service right for you?

- Have you lost your job and need help getting back on your feet?
- Want to develop a realistic plan to reach your career goals?
- Not sure where to start to change your career future?
- Willing to work and need a little help with finding a supportive employer?
- Want to explore if retraining is the best option for you?

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### For more information, contact a location near you:

waterloocareercentre@conestogac.on.ca  
or by phone 519-885-0300 ext. 5226

OR

stratfordcareercentre@conestogac.on.ca  
or by phone 519-271-5700 ext. 7224



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**EMPLOYMENT  
ONTARIO**

**Are you unemployed,  
underemployed or laid off?**

**Thinking of going back to school?**

Second Career is a cost-sharing grant which provides laid-off workers with the skills training and financial support to help them find jobs in high-demand occupations in Ontario.

**Second Career** could provide you with up to \$28,000 for:

- tuition
- books
- transportation
- a basic living allowance

*"The staff at the Career Centre helped with my Second Career application to receive funding for the Business Insurance program. I graduated in April 2013 with Honours and found employment after my co-op placement with the same employer. What I am today in my career is because of the support and guidance provided by Conestoga Career Centre."* **Second Career Graduate**

**Not sure where to start?**

**(519)271-5700**

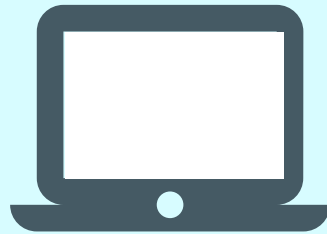
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**Making training for a new career, possible!**

[www.conestogac.on.ca/secondcareer](http://www.conestogac.on.ca/secondcareer)



# WE ARE STILL OPEN AND HERE TO HELP!



Our staff are available to meet with you virtually and over the phone to help you reach your employment goals!

## Employers!

The Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG) continues to be available to employers who want to invest in their workforce, with help from the government. Employers could receive up to \$10,000 in government support per person for training costs! Contact us for eligibility requirements and more details regarding this program.

**CONTACT US AT 519-272-1946 OR  
PIE@PARTNERSINEMPLOYMENT.ON.CA**



Good Morning,

As Perth County re-opens for business, you, as a business representative, will be one of the critical drivers to reset our economy. Leads Employment Services is here to support your hiring needs, just as we have been for employers during the pandemic. Leads has responded to the calls for essential workers by screening qualified job seekers and successfully placing 87 individuals between April and May. We also created 42 virtual volunteer positions for our youth to support and contribute to our communities in Elgin, Middlesex, Lambton, Oxford, and Perth counties.

We understand the importance of responsiveness and cost to re-start a business, so Leads, a not-for-profit employment and skills development organization, will at NO COST:

- Offer Leads clients as candidates who match your business needs
- May offer subsidies to off-set some initial training costs
- Provide assistance to on-boarding, training and retention of candidates
- Act as a linkage to resources in health and safety, accessibility and accommodation

This is the time to start the conversation about how we can assist you. Planning is key so please connect with me via phone (519) 495-5472 and/or email [tracy.aylward@leadsservices.com](mailto:tracy.aylward@leadsservices.com)

Feel free to visit our website [www.leadsservices.com](http://www.leadsservices.com) and I would be more than happy to provide you with references.

I look forward to our partnership. Together, we can recover our economy efficiently and effectively. Be healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

Tracy Aylward  
(519) 495-5472  
[Tracy.aylward@leadsservices.com](mailto:Tracy.aylward@leadsservices.com)





## The next section provides information on local training providers.

Please consider the value of speaking with a Career Work Coach before making decisions on your education.

This FREE service offered by Employment Ontario, helps in exploring the Labour Market. In speaking with a qualified coach, you will be able to explore your goals, and the ways you can get there.

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June 15, 2020

**Re: Academic Upgrading**

We are now registering for summer and fall online courses. To get started, connect with us here:

<https://www.conestogac.on.ca/workforce-development/upgrading-skills-development/academic-upgrading>

to begin with an online assessment.

**Here's a quick look at what we are offering:**

Summer delivery (July/August)

- Math (self-directed or teacher led)
- Communications/English (self-directed or teacher led)

Fall delivery (starting in September)

- Math (self-directed or teacher led)
- Communications/English (self-directed or teacher led)
- Science (Biology and Chemistry are both self-directed or teacher led)
- College Bound – great for exploring and building a customized plan to pursue college (teacher led)

Self directed study means that students will work at their own pace, and have flexible start and end dates. Teacher led has specific start and end dates. Whichever delivery you choose, there is always instructor support to help you meet your goals.

**Here are some of the benefits of Upgrading:**

- Refresh your studying or academic skills for college or the mature student assessment
- Obtain admission requirements to a specific college program
- Learn new skills to add to your resume

We look forward to working with you.

Upgrading Conestoga



[www.conestogac.on.ca/caa/upgrading](https://www.conestogac.on.ca/caa/upgrading)



# Upgrade your skills online

Adult Learning Programs of Perth is now offering virtual learning through Google Classroom, Zoom and email.

Take advantage of our **free, online services** to:

- › Work toward your Grade 12 equivalency (GED)
- › Enhance your financial and technological literacy
- › Upgrade your math and English capabilities

**All you need is an Internet connection!**

Contact us today to start your online learning journey.



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519-374-8232





The Centre For  
Employment & Learning  
Offering: Education, Skills Upgrading and Employment Services in your Community!



**PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE TODAY**

# **High School Diploma Program**

**Graduate or Upgrade for Post-Secondary**

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|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Clinton   | 519-441-0925 | <a href="mailto:clintonceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">clintonceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a>     |
| Exeter    | 519-440-6352 | <a href="mailto:exeterceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">exeterceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a>       |
| Goderich  | 519-440-7608 | <a href="mailto:goderichceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">goderichceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a>   |
| Listowel  | 519-291-9543 | <a href="mailto:listowelceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">listowelceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a>   |
| Seaforth  | 519-440-6352 | <a href="mailto:seaforthceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">seaforthceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a>   |
| Stratford | 519-301-4768 | <a href="mailto:stratfordceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">stratfordceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a> |
| Wingham   | 519-357-4995 | <a href="mailto:winghamceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca">winghamceloffice@ed.amdsb.ca</a>     |

Listening

Speaking

Reading

Writing

# Online ESL Program

Learn English at home!



## Themed Courses for CLB Levels 1-5:

- Banking • Citizenship • Commercial Services • Health & Wellness •
- Housing • Living in Canada • On the Job • Police & the Law •
- Recreation & Leisure • Transportation •

*For more information:*

Visit: [www.anytimeesl.ca](http://www.anytimeesl.ca)

Call: 519.271.4896

Or email: [anytimeesl@ed.amdsb.ca](mailto:anytimeesl@ed.amdsb.ca)

**FREE**



## BREAKING DOWN EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS

### *Barriers such as*

- Lack of work experience
- Hiatus from the workforce
- Social anxiety, depression or self-esteem challenges
- Lack of Canadian work experience
- Not able to continue current career
- Not sure how to fit into workforce
- Lack of work references



32 Erie St Stratford ON N5A 2M4  
 info@pf-solutions.ca | 519-271-2978  
 M-F 9:00am to 3:30pm

PF Solutions provides a free, customized administrative work experience program to help those facing barriers to employment.

## GET THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED FOR THE JOB YOU WANT

### *Benefits*

- ✓ Gain confidence in a safe environment
- ✓ Realize your talent
- ✓ Increase your skills and gain work experience
- ✓ Discover what accommodations you may need
- ✓ Practice professional skills in a business environment
- ✓ Learn to apply proactive job search techniques
- ✓ Receive daily job search support
- ✓ Earn local work reference
- ✓ Decrease job search isolation
- ✓ Learn computer skills



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# TECHNICAL TRAINING GROUP

Leading Edge Providers Of Technical and Skilled Trades Training

*Are you looking to change careers, up-skill, or build on your existing skills to open up new career opportunities in the skilled trades?*



## TTG'S PROGRAMS AND CUSTOM TRAINING CAN SET YOU AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION.

TTG is an industry leader in the design and delivery of highly effective training solutions.

Individuals can access TTG's existing programs, or explore custom training that focuses on specific skills development.

Course sizes can range from one-on-one instruction to large groups and training options are available both online and onsite.

For more information, or to book a meeting to discuss your training requirements, contact us at 519-801-8641 or [info@technicaltraininggroup.org](mailto:info@technicaltraininggroup.org).

*"TTG is one of Ontario's best kept secrets. The program exceeded my expectations and has continuous improvements; with quality of instructors and class programs as well as excellent shop additions and upgrades. With highly experienced teachers that go above and beyond the call of duty, TTG has fast-tracked me into starting my career."*

*Fernanda Mariano, (2017 Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Program Graduate and current 3rd Year Welding Apprentice)*

## TTG'S TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- 25-week Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Multiple Trades Exposure Program in Listowel (FREE Tuition)
- Trade Readiness Training (Modules include: blueprint reading, understanding and using measurement tools, geometric dimensioning & tolerances fundamentals, trade math)
- Basic to Advanced Welding
- Basic to Advanced Machining
- Introductory AutoCAD Training
- Introduction to Electrical Fundamentals
- Supervisory Training
- Basic to Advanced Carpentry Skills

## BENEFITS TO TRAINING WITH TTG:

- Courses can be customized to meet specific requirements
- Course delivery models are flexible (days, evenings, or weekends - subject to facility availability) .
- Our instructors are highly qualified and are specialists in their respective fields.
- Training is delivered in state-of-the-art training facilities or as online learning modules.





## TECHNICAL TRAINING GROUP

2020 Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship

MULTIPLE TRADES EXPOSURE Program

Listowel, Ontario

***Increase your earning potential by training for a career in the skilled trades!***

**FREE TUITION!** Program starts in September 2020

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**Welder/Metal Fabricator (Primary), General Machinist (Secondary)**

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**25-week Program • Approx. 16 hrs/wk (evenings & some Saturday classes)**

**Hands-on practical training • Blueprint Reading • Trade Math**

**Includes a 320 hour (8-week) paid work placement**

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**If you are interested in pursuing a career as a Welder, Metal Fabricator  
or General Machinist - Apply today!**

*This program will set you ahead of the competition by helping you develop the job skills and trade  
readiness you need to start a new career in the skilled trades  
and work towards securing an apprenticeship.*

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: August 14, 2020**

### **APPLY TODAY:**

For more information or to apply, visit

**[www.technicaltraininggroup.org](http://www.technicaltraininggroup.org)**

or contact TTG at (519) 801-8641

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Unemployed, underemployed  
or working part-time

Age 18 years or older

Secondary School Diploma or GED



*This program is funded by  
the Government of Ontario.*



# Learn for free, ONLINE, AND FROM HOME



Did you know that Contact North | Contact Nord provides one-on-one support, information about available online programs and courses, as well as help with registration? Some of the **FREE** topics you can study include:

- OSSD or equivalent
- Upgrading for college
- Employment preparation
  - Career planning
  - Résumés
  - Cover letters
  - Interview skills
- Workplace skills
  - Business communications
  - Job success
  - Workplace basics
  - Communication skills
- Computer skills
- General interest courses

**...And much more!**

For more information, please call the **Student Information Hotline** at **1-877-999-9149** or e-mail **[StudentInformationHotline@contactnorth.ca](mailto:StudentInformationHotline@contactnorth.ca)**.

Get your degree, diploma or certificate or upgrade your skills online without leaving your community.

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# Free online **Skills Upgrading**

**Flexible schedule**

**24/7 access**

**Supported learning**

**Wide range of courses**



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employment or  
advance your career

get ready to complete  
your OSSD or GED

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# Personal Support Worker

Ontario College Certificate | 30 weeks | Full-time



A career as a Personal Support Worker (PSW) takes heart, compassion and a dedication to helping those most in need. You will learn to provide personal care to clients in both community and institutional settings by developing the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to meet the needs of our ever-changing, dynamic health care environment.

## Start September or January! Clinton, Kincardine, Stratford

At Fanshawe's Regional sites, you will experience a warm and welcoming environment, small class sizes, helpful staff, individualized attention and many resources to help you succeed as a PSW.

A career as a Personal Support Worker takes heart, compassion and a dedication to helping those most in need. It also takes a highly specialized set of dynamic technical and interpersonal skills. If you're interested in a career that is personally satisfying, the Personal Support Worker program will get you on your way to career success.

When you graduate, you'll be ready to work with stable clients, with clearly identified needs, helping to make them comfortable and keep them safe. You'll provide personal care for clients in retirement homes, long-term care facilities, hospitals and in the home.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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[fanshawec.ca/huronbruce](http://fanshawec.ca/huronbruce)



**FANSHAWE**



# Early Childhood Education



Clinton | Walkerton

Start September - Apply now!

**Small class sizes**, with personalized attention from staff and faculty experts

**Close to home** in your community, providing convenience and cost savings

**Relevant training**, with graduates ready to begin rewarding careers in education

## Want to nurture the young minds of the future?

Blending theory and coursework with real field experience, the ECE diploma program in Clinton will develop your knowledge and professional skills in child development. You'll learn about your valuable and specialized role in the community, the importance of play in children's learning, the family involvement, and curriculum design and implementation.

When you graduate, you'll be qualified to work in a variety of jobs including child care centres, early learning and family centres, Best Start programs, before and after school programs and with school boards.

At the end of the day, a child's education is only as effective as their educator. The ECE program will allow you to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of children.



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**FESTIVAL SCHOOL OF HAIRSTYLING**

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**LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?**

**HERE IS AN IDEA TO HELP WITH COSTS.**

**SECOND CAREER PROGRAM**

Second career is an Ontario government program that provides unemployed individuals with financial support and skill training to assist them in obtaining job that would be in high demand in our economy.

Second career is a cost sharing grant that may provide financial support.

This means you may be asked to contribute what you can to your training or education. This funding will help you pay for your tuition , books, transportation and basic living needs.