



Literacy:
Learning for Life.
L'alphabétisation,
Une leçon pour la vie.

How Do Frontier College Programs Impact Canadian Adults?

Frontier College Vision: A leading and results-driven literacy service partner.

Frontier College serves children, youth and adults from low-income communities who want to improve their skills through tutoring programs supported by volunteers and community partners. Our learners include early school leavers, adults with disabilities and newcomers to Canada.



Our programs enable adult learners to:

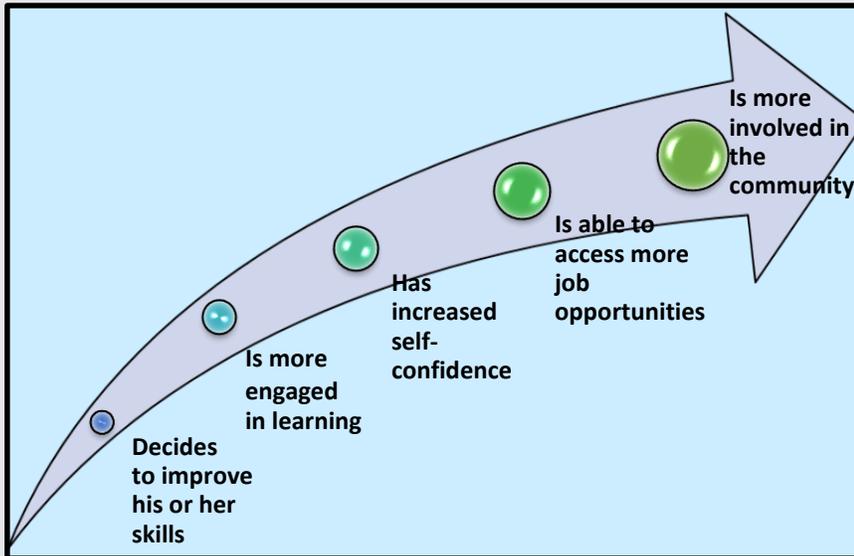
- ✓ Achieve greater academic success
- ✓ Increase self-confidence
- ✓ Improve literacy and numeracy skills
- ✓ Be more engaged in learning
- ✓ Achieve their learning goals

A Learner receives a "Most Hardworking Student Award" Student Award" from Tammie

Program Impact

- **92%** of learners in the pre-apprenticeship program successfully completed the program and passed their exams.
- **83%** of *Computer Skills* learners passed the required tests to be certified.
- **89%** of adult learners improve their personal strengths in 3 or more areas such as strengths at school, coping skills and planning.
- **91%** of learners were able to advance in the Independent Studies program (for adults with disabilities).

Frontier College Adult Learning Process



Research confirms that this process leads to long-term positive impact.

- Adults participating in literacy programs have a greater ability to communicate with others and become involved in the community.¹

- Frontier College research has confirmed that on average 70% of adult learners (about 1100 individuals per year) concretely improve their skills so they can access better education and employment opportunities.
- These 1100 individuals are likely to be less dependent on social assistance, pay more taxes, have better health, commit less crime, and become more engaged in their communities.
- To compare, each high school dropout is estimated to cost Canadian society \$10,782 per year² due to increased health, social assistance, crime, and employment support costs.
- Therefore, Frontier College programs save the Canadian taxpayer millions of dollars per year as our learners go on to achieve their goals and contribute more to society.



¹The Centre for Literacy of Quebec (2010). *Social Capital Outcomes of Adult Learning and Literacy Initiatives: How do we Measure them?* Montreal, QC: Author.

²Hankivsky, O. (2008). *Cost Estimates of Dropping Out of High School*. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Council on Learning.