

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

St. Clair College is committed to remaining at the forefront of fueling the industries that drive the region forward. Located in the hub of innovation and manufacturing, the College has invested in several state-of-the-art facilities and programs designed to equip students with the technical skills and knowledge to support high-demand positions in the trades.

In September 2023, St. Clair College's School of Skilled Trades received a significant investment from the Ontario government to further boost the College's apprenticeship training and help students prepare for meaningful and well-paying careers. With the increasing demand for Skilled Trades roles, St. Clair College recognized the importance of taking concrete steps to make programs more accessible and welcoming to women. This includes a partnership with the Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor (WEST), in which female students have access to free tuition and paid placements. The WEST program is currently accepting applications for:

- Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship Program for Women
- CNC Industrial Mechanic Millwright Pre-Apprenticeship
- Introduction to Construction and Craft Trades for Women (ICCTW)

Hands-on training, career counselling and math upgrading are also available to students.

"Every year, I am encouraged by the increasing number of women who are enrolling in our trades and technology programs and staking their claim for these personally rewarding and financially lucrative careers," said St. Clair College President Patti France. "Just ten years ago, we were counting the number of women in some tech programs on the fingers of one hand. Now, we have 50/50 representation between the genders in many of our STEM-related courses. And we're thrilled to say that there's always room for more – both in our classrooms and workshops and in the employment marketplace."

Furthermore, St. Clair College collaborates with industry partners to facilitate their students' internships, co-op placements, and apprenticeships. These hands-on experiences enhance their skills and help them build valuable connections in the field.

"Our programs are designed to equip women with the technical skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their chosen trade. Whether it's automotive technology, welding, construction, or any other field, our instructors have worked in the respective field they are teaching, bringing a unique perspective and relevant learning opportunities. Many of our labs are 1:1 and set up to mimic the real-world work environment, to ensure that our students have the best possible learning experience," said Lido Zuccato, Dean of Engineering Technology and Skilled Trades.



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Our School of Skilled Trades is held to high industry standards and is committed to training our students as the future workforce that fuels the industry in our region. Many of our faculty have worked at or operated a business in the field they are teaching and hold Red Seal certifications in their trade. Our Skilled Trades Regional Training Centre offers the "Earn While You Learn" program in addition to several apprenticeship opportunities across multiple industries.

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