



City School

by

 MOHAWK

Dr. Alan Bourke



**Centre for
Community
Partnerships and
Experiential Learning**

- Tuition-free credit courses
- Neighbourhood-based
- Job-ready workshops

**Bringing the
college to the
community**

City Schools



Eva Rothwell Centre (ERC)



Hamilton Public Library (HPL)

Mobile hub



The City School classroom

Construction course helps women build lives

Constructing walls, electrical systems and bathrooms they also build their inner strength

NEWS Mar 15, 2018 by Carmela Fragomeni Hamilton Spectator



- Small class size
- Hands-on instruction
- Wrap-around support



Academic Year	# courses	Enrolled students	# Graduates	Grad Rate
2015/16	5	49	26	53%
2016/17	9	107	70	65%
Fall 2017	11	109	44	40%*
Total	25	265	140	53%*



“City School encouraged me to not hold myself back, because you’re never too old to try something new.”

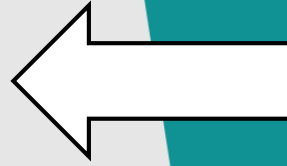
***Sarah MacPherson**, Introduction to Child & Youth Care*

“I think City School is the best way to reintroduce yourself to a postsecondary education. Even with children, it gives you a chance to juggle school and personal life successfully.”

***Dino Polsinelli**, Computers for Business & Advocacy and Community Social Action*



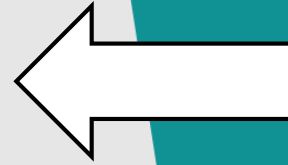
Building presence and trust



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Community
outreach activities
2015-2017

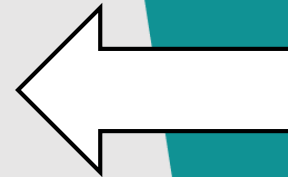
Responsive to community/
employer needs



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Courses offered
to date

Can be used when applying to
a college POS



140

Credits earned

18

City School
students now
at Mohawk

Lessons learned



- **Builds student confidence and self-belief**
- **Grassroots engagement**
- **Culturally sensitive**
- **Catalyst for positive social change**

SSHRC  CRSH

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada

“I was intimidated by applying to Mohawk and actually backed out once. But I felt so welcomed in my City School classes. City School helped me not feel so anxious about applying again because I knew I had support if I needed it.”

Ashley Jackson, Digital Photojournalism & Interactive Web Design





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