

# STUDENTS SHAPING COMMUNITIES



Ontario's university students are participating in all kinds of innovative programs that enhance their communities.

They are providing health care to underserved populations, working on community development through civic engagement, and promoting mental health among at-risk groups. Universities are also teaching the younger generation to think critically about media, and are cultivating leadership through environmental programs.

Through the Live Well Partnership, students gain the supervised work experience they need while providing occupational therapy and physiotherapy to their communities at no cost. The partnership is a collaboration between McMaster University's School of Rehabilitation Science, the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford, and Hamilton Health Sciences. Students benefit from the clinical experience, and the community benefits from the provision of care to those in need.

Another program that has students improving communities is Algoma University's Community Economic and Social Development Program, which places students with smaller urban, rural, and First Nations