

communities in northern Ontario. Students can begin their careers in community development by connecting theory and knowledge to real-world applications. Past placements include: Habitat for Humanity, North Shore Tribal Council, Children's Aid Society, NORDIK Institute, Batchewana First Nation – Economic Development, New to the Sault, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The University of Ottawa has an entire centre devoted to community building. The Centre for Global & Community Engagement promoted social responsibility through volunteering and civic engagement for more than 3,500 students in 2012 alone. It is an on-campus one-stop shop for experiential activities in Ottawa and around the world — not just for students but for the entire university community, including faculty and staff. The University of Ottawa has more than 400 community partners in social services, education, environment, humanitarian assistance and health.

The University of Windsor is giving a boost to its community by providing free legal services to some of the city's most vulnerable residents. Legal Assistance of Windsor is a clinical learning program from the Faculty of Law that allows students to gain valuable practical experience while providing legal aid to those who are unable to pay. The program provides hands-on learning to upper year law students in landlord tenant law, social assistance, disability, immigration, criminal injuries, employment insurance and more. Students are supervised by practicing lawyers and take advantage of various mentorship and networking opportunities. There is also an opportunity for full-time summer employment through the program for second- and third-year students. In 2013, the program provided free legal services to more than 1,500 local residents. Current projects include work pertaining to Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program and human trafficking legislation.

Since 2008, students have been making a difference in one of Toronto's high-needs areas. At the York University-TD Community Engagement Centre, students conduct research and work in community agencies in the Black Creek community. Numerous relationships have been forged by York faculty and students with community partners, and their collective efforts are helping to address social issues in this area. For example, students in a graduate course on urban planning produced a map of potential brown-fields, or previously industrial land that may contain hazardous waste, which helps community residents and organizers to map out safer routes.



Because grade school teachers shape young minds, they play an important role in building strong communities. At Lakehead University, education students are learning how to inspire their future classrooms to think critically about media messages in an ever-changing digital landscape. The Media and Digital Literacy course touches upon gender inequality, body image, diversity, violence and consumerism across all digital and traditional media platforms, including ads, Disney films and video games. Each year during Media Literacy Week, students in the course visit elementary schools to conduct workshops that help children make sense of media and marketing messages.