



The General Interest Program

The **General Interest Program** offers a wide variety of non-credit specialty skills and interest courses, seminars and workshops to the fee-paying general public, primarily adults. Classes range from arts through business and communications, crafts, computers, languages, leisure, lifestyle management and music to sewing and sports and fitness and provide practical hands-on instruction by experienced professionals. Currently there are nearly 1100 classes offered in each of the Fall, Winter and Spring terms. There is also a daytime Summer Program in the month of July. Courses are offered during the day, evening and weekend depending on demand.

Currently programs are offered at the following sites:

- ✓ A.Y. Jackson SS (Tuesday evenings)
satellite classes at John McCrae SS
- ✓ Bell HS (Tuesday and Thursday evenings)
satellite classes at Merivale HS
- ✓ Brookfield HS
(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturdays)
- ✓ Cairine Wilson SS (Monday/Wednesday evenings)
satellite classes at Orleanswoods PS
- ✓ Continuing Education Centres (440 Albert St.)
(daytime classes)
- ✓ Glebe Collegiate
(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings)
- ✓ Gloucester HS (Monday/Wednesday evenings)
(Fall and Spring Workshop Days)
- ✓ Nepean HS (Monday and Wednesday evenings)
satellite Broadview PS
- ✓ Rideau HS (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings)
satellite Queen Elizabeth PS
- ✓ Ridgemont HS (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings)
satellite classes held at Charles Hulse PS and Canterbury
- ✓ Sir Guy Carleton SS (Monday and Wednesday evenings)
- ✓ West Carleton SS (Monday and Wednesday evenings)
satellite classes held at Fitzroy Centennial PS and Huntley Centennial PS

Approximately 5 000 students register three times a year; hence there are about 15,000 paid registrations each year.

All of the students in these programs are from the community; they take these courses because they are of particular interest. These programs are available to the entire community, which is particularly important since over 75% of the community does not have children in the school system. These programs also reach out to adult residents of Ottawa's neighbourhoods by ensuring the provision of enriching educational activities to serve the community at the local secondary school. Classes promote hands-on

learning as well as group dynamics.



There are 6 easy ways to register in this program including on-line and automated touch tone telephone registration. These have proven to be very popular with participants since their inception in the Winter of 2005.

During the course of the year, you can register on-line at <http://e-connect.ocdsb.ca> or by automated phone at 721-2866. You may also register by phone (239-2751), fax (239-2679), mail (see below) or in-person (at 440 Albert Street).

The General Interest Program
440 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont. K1R 5B5
ph: 239-2504; Registration line: 239-2751
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