

The Study Buddy Program pairs Ontario Teacher Candidates with families to support K-12 students in online, one-on-one, free tutoring sessions. Since the initial roll-out in May of 2020, the program has facilitated over 11500 hours of tutoring support for more than 750 students by nearly 350 tutors from 5 universities.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**490+**  
Families

**750+**  
Students

**14200+**  
Sessions

**11500+**  
Hours

**350+**  
Tutors from  
5 Universities

### STUDENTS CAN EXPECT:



Up to 3hrs/week of online, one-on-one, free tutoring



Subject-specific support from Ontario teacher candidates



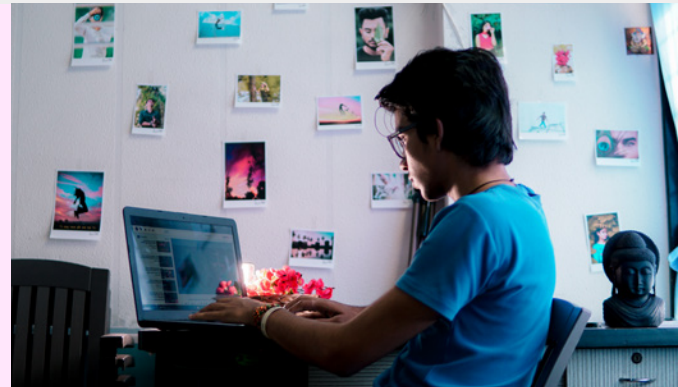
Online education upskilling



Flexible hours

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on the Canadian economy, on workplaces, on entrepreneurs and the education system. While companies are laying off workers and small businesses are shutting their doors we are seeing many organizations transform, with new business models, products and services. This disruption has created massive needs for reskilling, upskilling and talent to help support digital transformation and innovation.

At the same time, the impacts are highly differentiated for women, immigrants and racialized people, newcomers, persons with disabilities, youth and others. In addition to the challenges of unemployment and the rapid transition to work from home, families are challenged by the convergence of multiple stresses, particularly with the disruption of schools and childcare facilities. Students of all ages have had to adjust to online learning which has led to uneven approaches in supporting remote students and a massive increase in the burden on families. Teacher candidates from Ontario Faculties of Education have also found their opportunities for in-class placements diminish.



*"I have to say that because of this program my daughter has developed a real love for math. She said she feels like she is ahead and seeing things twice has made all the difference. She is getting straight A's and I love seeing how happy this is making her. Her teacher said she is not afraid to try now and even when she is wrong she takes feedback in a positive way."*

### FOR MORE STUDY BUDDY INFO:

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