







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.

TUTORS CAN EXPECT:

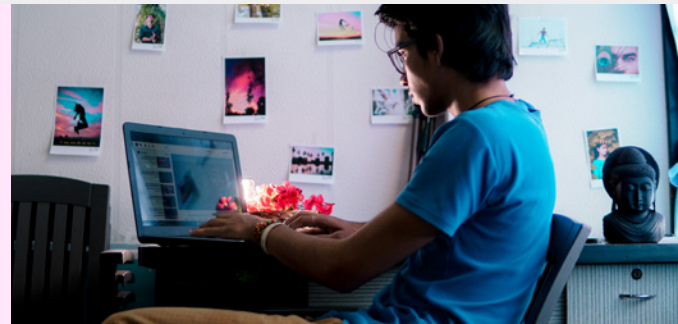
-  Up to 10hrs/week of online, one-on-one, tutoring
-  Experience with students from diverse backgrounds
-  Online education upskilling
-  Diversity training (1hr workshop)
-  Tutoring sessions applied to practicum experience
-  Flexible hours set by the tutor

BY THE NUMBERS

- 490+**
Families
- 11500+**
Hours
- 750+**
Students
- 350+**
Tutors from
5 Universities
- 14200+**
Sessions

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.



“Study Buddy has allowed me to work with students in a much larger variety of courses and grades compared to my in-person practicum opportunities. This variety was something that I deeply appreciated, and has helped me identify exactly where my passion lies.”

“Study Buddy has opened my eyes to the personal and academic struggles my students may face.”

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