

## Application Process

- Options is a competitive program
- Students are referred by their secondary school education team.
- Applications are completed collaboratively by the student, parents/guardian and the school team
- Once applications are received, the Options Intake Committee reviews all applications and conducts interviews to assist in determining student eligibility
- Students are informed in writing regarding their acceptance to the program
- Depending on vacancies, intake can occur in either first or second semester.



## Student Enrolment

Enrolment: Students who meet eligibility requirements are selected from applicants referred from both the Lambton-Kent and St. Clair Catholic District School Boards. Students must be registered and attending in either school system. Once accepted, students are enrolled with the LKDSB for the duration of the program and attend their classes as guests at St. Clair College.

## Staffing

- Teacher
- Educational Assistant/ Job Coach
- Special Education Coordinator (LKDSB)
- Special Education Consultant (SCCDSB)
- Employment Professionals Community Living Chatham-Kent & Community Living Wallaceburg)



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# OPTIONS PROGRAM



**Partnered with:**



**Mission Statement:**  
To provide students who have an intellectual disability, campus based education and work training opportunities.

## History

The Options program was developed to provide an alternative educational program for a targeted group of students with intellectual disabilities aged 18-21. It was recognized that many of these students were capable of attaining paid employment given extra supports in the areas of work and independent living skills. As a result of much hard work and planning by the program partners, the Options Program emerged as an alternative educational opportunity for students with intellectual disabilities—one designed as a bridge between school, the community and the workplace in a setting that is age appropriate. The first group of students started in 2003-2004 and Options continues to exist today thanks to the support and dedication of its partners.



## Areas of Study

### School Schedule

#### Monday and Tuesday

- Students attend Work Placements
- Hours vary dependent on placement need

#### Wednesday– Friday

- Students attend classes at St. Clair College, Thames Campus for course work
- Hours 8:15AM—2:15PM \*

\* *dependent on transportation*

### Areas of Study

- Career Management
- Health and Nutrition
- Personal Management
- Functional Academics including literacy and math skills
- Parenting
- Personal Safety at home, work and in the community
- Independent Living Skills
- Personal Computer Skills
- Recreation and Leisure

## Admission Requirements

*The student is currently registered in one of the partner boards and has:*

- completed 4 years at the secondary level *and*
- participated in or plans to participate in the school's graduation ceremony *and*
- worked toward or attained a Certificate of Achievement, Accomplishment or OSSD *and*
- an intellectual disability (which may be in combination with other disabilities such as a traumatic brain injury, orthopedic disability or autism) *and*
- engaged in previous work experience opportunities (either community or school based) and written work evaluations have been completed and are available *and*
- demonstrated an ability to work independently (or with minimal job coaching that will be faded out)

