What is ASPIRE AC?

ASPIRE AC offers programming to help learners get to college and stay in college. It provides support to learners who face multiple barriers to get their college credentials, so that they know that post secondary education is possible, and there are supports available to help them succeed.

The ASPIRE AC team is made up of friendly, helpful professionals, graduates, and students who can work with you if you need support to:

- Make college a possibility
- Be prepared for college and transition well
- Engage with the college community while you're there

Even better, the ASPIRE AC Job Coaching team will help you find a job during studies and upon graduation, preparing you to succeed in the workplace!



Get in touch to learn more about ASPIRE AC!

ASPIRE AC

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How to register online:

Connect with us!

Visit our website to register: algonquincollege.com/aspireac/registration





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All Students Participate In Reaching Education

LET'S MAKE IT POSSIBLE

ASPIRE AC works with community partners to support learners who may think pursuing college is not a realistic goal for them.

What does this support look like? It looks like:

- The Career Clarity Counselling at Algonquin College to help you make an informed program choice
- Strengths and risk assessments based on your personal profile
- Outreach Presentations
- Experiential learning



BE READY

ASPIRE AC's transition programming helps learners get college-ready.

What does this support look like? It looks like:

- Success Coaching that helps you make short and long term plans to reach your college goals
- Summer programming so that you're ready for the first day of class
- A partnership with the AC Hub Student
 Navigator program where you will be matched
 with a peer who can help you navigate campus
 and college life in your first year of school
- A partnership with the Prior Learning and Assessment program to help you gain credit for work and education experience relevant to your program
- A partnership with Registrar's Office to streamline college entry
- Assisting with the process of applying to OCAS and OSAP

How is this achieved?

Agreements with the school boards, adult high schools, academic upgrading and social agencies allow ASPIRE AC to connect with you before your college entry so that together we can build an action plan that sets you up for success.

CROSS THE FINISH LINE

At Algonquin College, ASPIRE AC students are supported so that they can graduate and find meaningful employment.

What does this support look like? It looks like:

- Sponsored peer tutoring that allows you to access one-to-one tutoring for classes where you need extra academic help
- Mentors who meet with you to tackle any barriers that come up during your college experience. Examples include:
 - Helping you understand your GPA and what areas to concentrate on
 - How to manage all of your assignments and responsibilities in one electronic calendar
 - Ensuring the software for your program is loaded and working on your electronic devices
 - Supportive referrals to services in the College and community
- ASPIRE AC Job Coaches who help you understand workplace culture and expectations, so that you can get meaningful work and thrive in the workplace, meeting the demands of the competitive global economy.

