

President's Message To Students – July 20, 2021:

Dear Saints:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I share with you the basic recommendation contained in a letter that I received from the provincial Ministry of Colleges and Universities in mid-July, announcing that we can resume in-person classes at the outset of the Fall 2021 semester this September.

Since mid-March of 2020, when the COVID-19 virus first appeared in Canada, we have been operating in a "hybrid" fashion, of on-line lectures coupled with some on-campus presence for essential labs, clinics and workshops. That format certainly wasn't the preference among either students or the College itself, because the face-to-face interaction between teacher-and-student and student-and-student is truly the ideal version of "The St. Clair Experience".

But the pandemic made remote instruction a necessity ... and faculty, staff and students made it a success. The ingenuity, adaptability and persistence of both teachers and learners allowed us to continue to deliver an excellent postsecondary education throughout the pandemic – perhaps best evidenced by the fact that during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years we staged Convocation ceremonies for the largest graduating classes in St. Clair's half-century-long history.

During that past almost-year-and-a-half, we did what we had to do. Now, we can joyfully return to doing what we want to do: namely, to teach and provide a host of services to students in face-to-face fashion, coupled with celebrating a social atmosphere of fun and friendship in the College's non-academic activities.

Some programs (see accompanying document) will continue to be offered in a strictly on-line format, at least during the Fall semester. This is due to the fact that a substantial portion of their enrolment takes the form of international students who still cannot make their way to Canada at this time. In these programs, even domestic (Canadian) and international students who have already made their way to Canada will be receiving their lectures in an on-line manner. Please note, at this time, we are anticipating that the Winter 2022 Semester will be inperson, provided that international travel restrictions are eased throughout the coming months and students are able to travel.

For the students in virtually all other programs, "normality" will return when the Fall semester begins on September 7th ...

... Or, at least, the "new normality". The Ministry has advised us that we will, still (and reasonably), have to abide by the virus control-and-protection regulations and recommendations put forward by federal, provincial and regional health authorities. Among other mandatory practices, mask-wearing in almost all indoor settings at the College is required. The College will provide you with specific guidelines as they are more clearly defined in August.

While it is not, currently, our intention to demand proof-of-vaccination from students as a prerequisite for teaching and learning activities on campus, it is certainly the College's desire that all students will receive such inoculations – for your own well-being, and that of your family, friends and fellow students.

Again, more detailed information about various facets of our method-of-operation in September will be forthcoming from the College, during the next few weeks.

But I wanted to share this preliminary news with you as soon as I could ... not only because I recognize that you're eager to know what is happening in the Fall, but also to express the sincere joy of all of St. Clair's faculty and staff as we prepare to welcome you back.

Until then, dear Saints, stay well.

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Fall 2021 – Alternate Delivery Accommodations

Due to challenges faced by students travelling to Canada, the following programs are confirmed for online delivery only:

- 1) Mechanical Engineering Technician CAD/CAM (T867) AAL01
- 2) Electromechanical Engineering Technician Robotics (T974)AAL01
- 3) Computer Systems Technician Networking (T860) AAL01 & AAL02
- 4) International Business Management Logistics Systems (B999)
 AAL01 & AAL02
- 5) Data Analytics (B018) AAL01 & AAL02
- 6) Web Development and Internet Applications (B949/B950) AAL01 & AAL02
- 7) Hospitality Hotel and Restaurant (B940) AAL01 & AAL02
- 8) Event Management (B908) AAL01 & AAL02
- 9) Construction Engineering Technician (T036) AAL01
- 10) Human Resources Management (B802) AAL01 & AAL02
- 11) Tourism Travel (B826) AAL01
- 12) Electrical Techniques (K731) AAL02
- 13) Pre-Health Sciences (K902) AAL02
- 14) **Public Relations** (B791) AAL01
- 15) Business Accounting (K150) AAL01 & AAL02
- 16) Business (K600) AAL01 & AAL02

The following six (6) programs are primarily populated with international students but also have confirmations from domestic/in-country students. To support on campus learning opportunities for these students, the College will offer the following programs in both face-to-face and online formats:

- 1) Mechanical Engineering Technician Industrial (T855) AAL01
- 2) Business General (B600) AAL01 & AAL02
- 3) Fitness and Health Promotion (H879) AAL01
- 4) Construction Engineering Technician (T036) AAL02
- 5) Office Administration General (B227) AAL01
- 6) Social Service Worker Gerontology (B895) AAL01