

# Our Students

When it comes to student success at Mohawk College, everyone plays a role. Understanding who our students are and the variables impacting their success is the first step to providing appropriate support and referral. 2020 was certainly a year when students experienced more obstacles than we could have ever anticipated. Together, we've developed new virtual supports and adapted existing resources to help students achieve success in this new environment.

Your support in promoting these updated resources to our students will help us to create the student-centric campus we pride ourselves on at Mohawk.

Fall 2021

## About Our Students



**23%**

of students identify as a Person of Colour or a Racialized person^



**17%**

of students identify themselves as not being straight / heterosexual^



**15%**

of students identify as a person with a physical, mental, emotional or learning disability^



**5%**

of students identify as an Indigenous / Aboriginal person^



**1%**

of students identify as another gender identity other than woman or man^

**72%** Domestic **28%\*** International



### Age range\*\*

**11%** 18 or under  
**36%** 19-21  
**38%** 22-29  
**15%** 30+



**25%** of our students come direct from high school\*\*



**33%** of students are the first in their family to attend postsecondary<sup>≈</sup>



**55%** of students are from the Hamilton area\*\*

## International Students

Mohawk is home to international students from **118** countries outside of Canada.

### Top 7 Countries of Origin<sup>◇</sup>:

<b>63%</b> India	<b>8.5%</b> China	<b>4.6%</b> Nigeria	<b>3.2%</b> Vietnam
<b>2.5%</b> Republic of Korea	<b>1.9%</b> Brazil	<b>1.7%</b> Colombia	<b>14.6%</b> Other

### Age Range of International Students\*\*:

**6%** are 18 and under  
**37%** are 19 to 21 years old  
**46%** are 22 to 29 years old  
**11%** are over the age of 30

**40%** are the first in their family to attend postsecondary<sup>≈</sup>

### Gender<sup>◇</sup>:

**42.90%** identify as female  
**57.07%** identify as male  
**0.03%** identify as other



## Indigenous Students

**31%**

of Indigenous students are the first in their family to attend postsecondary<sup>≈</sup>

**34%**

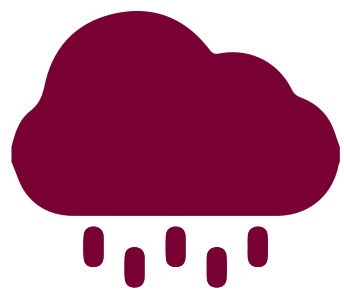
of Indigenous students are sponsored<sup>◇</sup>

### Age Range of Indigenous Students\*\*:

**9%** are 18 or under  
**32%** are 19 to 21 years old  
**37%** are 22 to 29 years old  
**22%** are over the age of 30

### Gender<sup>◇</sup>:

**66.97%** identify as female  
**32.11%** identify as male  
**0.92%** identify as other



## Counselling & Mental Health

**54%**

of students rated their health/mental health during the pandemic as Fair or Poor<sup>†</sup>

**30%**

of students are looking for counselling and mental health supports from the college<sup>†</sup>

Counselling Services provides students with **access to mental health counselling** to support their academic success. [mohawkcollege.ca/counselling](http://mohawkcollege.ca/counselling)

Students also have access to **24/7 community supports** for mental health and wellness through the college counselling team, their student insurance and community networks.

**30%**

of Mohawk students utilize Counselling Services.<sup>^</sup>

## Top 5 Supports

students are looking for<sup>†</sup>



**45%**

of students rank Financial Assistance as the #1 item where they require support

**38%**

of students are looking for support in finding a job

**36%**

of students are looking for Time Management/Organizational Strategies

**32%**

of students are looking for ways to interact with their peers outside of class

**30%**

of students are looking for Counselling and Mental Health supports

**75%** of Mohawk students stated they were Very Satisfied/Satisfied with the quality of services at the college. This is up 11% from 2018/19 ratings.

## Student Orientation

In 2020/21, **3,323 students** claimed badges through the Orientation program, and **862 students** claimed badges in the Re-Orientation program – together claiming **over 26,000 badges!!**

To increase the likelihood of student success in an online environment, we developed the **Future Ready Toolkit** and **Future Ready Orientation & Re-Orientation** programs. These initiatives offer programming for new and returning students that support the transition to the upcoming semester and the added transition to virtual and remote learning.

[mohawkcollege.ca/orientation](http://mohawkcollege.ca/orientation)

## Financial Assistance

**62%** of Mohawk students utilize Financial Assistance services.<sup>^</sup>



**45%**

of students indicate Financial Assistance as the #1 item where they require support<sup>†</sup>

**\$70 Million**

More than half of Mohawk students rely on OSAP, and received \$70 Million in grants and loans in 2019/20

**\$756,500**

In Summer 2020, Financial Assistance supported 1,768 students with a total of \$756,500 from COVID Relief Funding

**\$4 Million**

Mohawk supported students with over \$4 Million in bursaries and scholarships in the 2019/20 academic year

**Financial Assistance** is here to help students learn about the resources available to assist them in paying for college including OSAP, Awards & Bursaries and campus employment.

[mohawkcollege.ca/financial-assistance](http://mohawkcollege.ca/financial-assistance)

**Mo'Money** offers financial literacy resources and online learning modules to help students improve their money skills. Includes helping students to find ways to save for school, stick to a budget, or plan for a major purchase. [mohawkcollege.ca/momoney](http://mohawkcollege.ca/momoney)

We also developed the **Money Matters** module – designed to introduce students to a variety of money management ideas and concepts to build their knowledge and give them confidence in taking control of their finances. [mohawkcollege.ca/moneymatters](http://mohawkcollege.ca/moneymatters)

## Learning Supports

**36%**

of students are looking for Time Management or Organizational Strategies<sup>†</sup>

**25%**

of students are looking for Peer Support & Tutoring<sup>†</sup>

**21%**

of students are looking for Reading & Writing Strategies<sup>†</sup>

**30%**

of Mohawk students utilize programs or services from the Learning Support Centre.<sup>^</sup>

**21%**

of students are looking for Remote & Virtual Learning supports<sup>†</sup>



An innovative online program called **Keys to Success** saw tremendous increases in student participation – from 115 students in F19 to **6,700+** students in F20.

The Learning Support Centre offers peer-based, academic support services in an online format. Services include course tutoring, math support, study skills, communications (including writing support), essay help, speaking help, grammar help and presentation help. Faculty ESL support is also available. Support is provided via virtual one-on-one appointments, small group discussions and/or workshops. [mohawkcollege.ca/learning-support-centre](http://mohawkcollege.ca/learning-support-centre)

# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



1%

of students identify themselves as another gender identity other than woman or man<sup>^</sup>

**Social Inc.** provides a safe, respectful and positive space for all students to participate in a variety of anti-racism, equity, inclusion and human rights activities, workshops and volunteer opportunities. To learn more about online resources for students, along with a list of virtual events, visit [mohawkcollege.ca/social-inc](https://mohawkcollege.ca/social-inc)

23%

of students identify as a Person of Colour or a Racialized person<sup>^</sup>

A comprehensive list of **Indigenous, anti-racism, equity, inclusion and human rights resources** on MyMohawk provides students with access to materials that help to increase their understanding and knowledge of EDI, human rights and social justice – while encouraging critical thinking, creativity, decision-making and problem-solving skills. Click on the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion tab on MyMohawk to learn more.

9%

of students self-identify as Bisexual<sup>^</sup>

2%

of students self-identify as Gay<sup>^</sup>

2%

of students self-identify as Lesbian<sup>^</sup>

2%

of students self-identify as Queer<sup>^</sup>

2%

of students self-identify as Other (Trans, Two-Spirit, Alternative/Analogous)<sup>^</sup>

5%

of students identify as an Indigenous/Aboriginal person<sup>^</sup>

**Indigenous Student Services** provides supports and services for Indigenous students to positively impact student success. Includes support and information about band funding, academic support and peer tutoring, access to an Elder, cultural activities, community supports, student success workshops, and other relevant resources including access to an Indigenous virtual learning basket.

[mohawkcollege.ca/indigenous-students](https://mohawkcollege.ca/indigenous-students)

15%

of students identify as a person with a physical, mental, emotional or learning disability<sup>^</sup>

**Accessible Learning Services** works collaboratively with students and faculty to identify and implement strategies to help students achieve their academic goals. Includes learning skills support and assistive technology support. [mohawkcollege.ca/als](https://mohawkcollege.ca/als)

19%

of Mohawk students utilize Social Inc.<sup>^</sup>

14%

of Mohawk students utilize Indigenous Student Services.<sup>^</sup>

43%

of Mohawk students utilize Accessible Learning Services.<sup>^</sup>

## Student Rights & Responsibilities

Fostering a safe, respectful and inclusive environment that maximizes opportunities for student success through college policies and conduct expectations, conflict coaching, and assisting survivors of sexualized and gender-based violence. [mohawkcollege.ca/student-rights-and-responsibilities](https://mohawkcollege.ca/student-rights-and-responsibilities)

24%

of Mohawk students utilize Student Rights & Responsibilities services.<sup>^</sup>



## Careers

38%

of students are looking for support in finding a job<sup>†</sup>

50%

of students utilize Career Services.<sup>^</sup>

**Career Services** offers a variety of services to students and recent grads including career advising support, resume/cover letter/e-portfolio support, interview preparation, career and networking workshops and webinars, and online career learning modules that leverage real-world simulation and Artificial Intelligence. [mohawkcollege.ca/employment](https://mohawkcollege.ca/employment)

**The Future Ready Premium Program (FRPP) Student Micro-Certificate** provides students with online modules that illustrate how to take the skills and knowledge students have gathered throughout their time at Mohawk, and how to present them to their future employer. Upon completion of the 5 online modules, students receive a micro-certificate and will gain access to job search advising after graduation.

[mohawkcollege.ca/careerservices](https://mohawkcollege.ca/careerservices)

**The Campus Student Employment Program** aims to connect students with meaningful real work experience on campus. In 2018/19, the CSEP program provided positions for 261 students.

[mohawkcollege.ca/csep](https://mohawkcollege.ca/csep)

In Spring 2021, **400 students** were enrolled in the FRPP micro-certificate. By the end of April 2021, **50+ students** had completed the full course and applied for their micro-certificate badge.

## Academic Advising & Student Success



Our Student Success Advisors provide students with specific advice on program planning, changing programs, academic status, program pathways, success plans and more.

Advisors experience between **300** and **700** student requests on a weekly basis. In December 2020 alone, **2,245** unique students used a new contact form to access streamlined support.

[mohawkcollege.ca/ssa](https://mohawkcollege.ca/ssa)

In W21, we reached **955** "at risk" students identified by Faculty.

22% of students indicate they are looking for Academic Advising supports<sup>†</sup>

83%

of international students have utilized International Student Services.<sup>†</sup>

## International Students

**International Student Services** provides support to international students to positively impact student success. Includes assistance with study permits & visas, academic supports, health insurance, housing, and letter requests.

[mohawkcollege.ca/international-students](https://mohawkcollege.ca/international-students)

**The Language & Culture Centre** helps international students to meet new people, get involved through volunteer experiences, offers social and cultural events throughout the year, and supports the transition to life in Canada.

[mohawkcollege.ca/international-events](https://mohawkcollege.ca/international-events)



28%

of Mohawk students are international students<sup>\*</sup>

32%

of students are looking for supports on ways to interact with their peers outside of class†



79%

of students are concerned about social isolation in a remote learning environment†

## Student Life

**Student Life** fosters meaningful relationships and personal development by providing students with intentional experiences and services in a fun, inclusive learning environment.

[mohawkcollege.ca/student-life](https://mohawkcollege.ca/student-life)

**Volunteering** opportunities for students both on and off campus.

[mohawkcollege.ca/volunteering](https://mohawkcollege.ca/volunteering)

**Student Mentorship Program** (soon to be First Year Experience Program) supports students' transition to life at Mohawk. Students in the program are sorted into virtual "Houses" by Faculty with other new students.

[studentmentordirectory.mohawkcollege.ca](https://studentmentordirectory.mohawkcollege.ca)

**Student Leadership** provides opportunities to students in the form of leadership development training, leadership volunteerism and leadership roles on campus such as MoCrew and First-Year Experience Leaders.

[mohawkcollege.ca/student-leadership](https://mohawkcollege.ca/student-leadership)

**The Co-Curricular Record** helps students track their non-academic achievements like social, volunteer, employment and leadership work while at Mohawk. The verified CCR can be used by students when applying for jobs, awards and/or scholarships.

[mohawkcollege.ca/co-curricular-record](https://mohawkcollege.ca/co-curricular-record)

34% of Mohawk students utilize Student Life programs and services.^

In Fall 20 & Winter 21, **190 students** participated in the mentorship program.

In Spring 2021, **97 students** participated in the Student Leadership Games.

Even during the pandemic, **2,335 students** tracked **1,690 hours** against their CCR in 2020/21.



26% of Mohawk students utilize the Testing Centre.^

## Testing Centre

The Testing Centre facilitates in-person and virtual academic testing for students requiring testing accommodation or those unable to write with their class for valid reasons. The Testing Centre also helps incoming students prepare for college by providing Assessments for Success. The shift to virtual pre-admission testing has resulted in testing that is now available to both domestic and international applicants.

[mohawkcollege.ca/mohawk-testing-centre](https://mohawkcollege.ca/mohawk-testing-centre)

During the pandemic, the Testing Centre provided virtual testing services to over **3,000 unique students**.



## Graduation



Mohawk's graduation rate is **65.2%**, which ranks us third amongst GTHA colleges. We had a total of **4,893 graduates** in Spring 2021, which is up **13%** from Spring 2020.

## Alumni

Alumni Relations cultivates lifelong relationships with students, graduates and the Mohawk community, establishing a spirit of loyalty that positively impacts the success of our proud alumni. We have **134,000 engaged Mohawk alumni**, of which **970** are Golden Grads, **160** are Alumni of Distinction award recipients, and **9** are Premier's Award recipients.

[mohawkcollege.ca/alumni](https://mohawkcollege.ca/alumni)

274

alumni volunteer at Mohawk

282

alumni are Mohawk College Foundation donors

176

alumni serve on Program Advisory committees

## Athletics & Recreation

Provides athletics and recreation programming for students. Headlined by the Mountaineers high-performance varsity program and includes intramural, extramural, recreation and fitness opportunities. Approximately **175 students** participate in varsity athletics at Mohawk each year, and in 2018/19, **7,781 students** participated in campus recreation.

[mohawkmountaineers.com](https://mohawkmountaineers.com)

[mohawkcollege.ca/athletics-and-recreation](https://mohawkcollege.ca/athletics-and-recreation)



**410% increase** in student participation since the opening of the David Braley Athletic & Recreation Centre.

**82% of students** indicated their mental health improved after utilizing campus recreation facilities/activities, and 93% felt an increased sense of belonging and community.

\*2019/20 Enrolment Data (Due to COVID travel restrictions, in 2020/21, the percentage of international students at Mohawk was 22%)

\*\*Post-secondary Enrolment Data. Includes 2021-21 academic year FT & PT. Does not include CE or Apprenticeship students.

†Winter 2021 COVID Survey

^2021 Student Experience Survey Results (Issued February 2021 to Semester 2+ students)

◇2021 Enrolment Data

★Fall 2019 International Survey Barometer (conducted by iGraduate)

‡Student Entrance Survey & Post-secondary Enrolment Data. Includes 2020-21 academic year FT and PT students who completed the First Generation question on the Entrance Survey.

‡Post-secondary Enrolment Data. Includes 2020-21 academic year FT and PT students. Does not include CE or apprenticeship or instances where gender is not entered.