



Welcome to the premiere 2025 edition of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board AEVT and BTS newsletter! We're excited to bring you the latest updates including program start dates, recruitment initiatives, student engagement, new projects, and more. The next edition will be in June 2025. Stay in the loop with AEVT and BTS!

UPCOMING AEVT START DATES

April 3 – Professional Sales program begins at CDC Pont-Viau

April 4 – Health, Assistance & Nursing program (Licensed Practical Nurse) begins at CDC Pont-Viau

April 15 – Francization new session begins at CDC Vimont

April 22 – Basic English new session begins at CDC Vimont

April 29 – Plumbing and Heating program begins at Construc-Plus

June 2 – Secretarial Studies begins at CDC Pont-Viau

June 5 – School Daycare Educator program begins at CDC Pont-Viau

High School and CEGEP pre-requisites – registrations **ongoing** at CDC Vimont

Book an appointment with one of our AEVT **counselors** today and start crushing your goals!
FREE SERVICE

WHAT'S NEW IN AEVT AND BTS?

We launched our new websites in January 2025 to provide easier navigation to all of our current and future stakeholders. Please visit our websites by clicking [here](#) for CDC Vimont/Lachute, *Adult Education*, [here](#) for CDC Pont-Viau, *Vocational Training* and [here](#) for QUALIFICATION, *Business Training Services*.

VT ACQUIRES A STATE OF THE ART SIMULATION MANNEQUIN!

CDC Pont-Viau has acquired a brand-new SIMS mannequin, named *Anne Viau*, for the health lab! This advanced simulation tool enhances hands-on learning. It provides realistic patient scenarios where students can practise essential procedures such as vital signs assessment, blood draws, IV insertions, and urinary catheter placements. Anne Viau bridges the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience.



AE STUDENTS WIN LITERARY AWARDS!

Three CDC Lachute poets were selected to have their submissions published in a Canada-wide competition. The poems were selected from thousands of entries by high school students. The winning compositions will be published in an anthology called "Born from Embers" that will be available in bookstores and libraries across the country. This contest, sponsored by Polar Expressions Publishing, fosters literacy and provides an outlet for our very talented and creative students. Congratulations to our winning students: **Sara DaSilva, Cassidy Wharry and Maika Gilbert!**

DID YOU KNOW?

CDC Vimont and CDC Lachute offer high school diploma courses and CEGEP/trade prerequisites. Open to all Quebec legal residents aged 16+ as of June 30. Learn more [here](#).

The revamped Computing Support program at CDC Pont Viau now includes software deployment, mobile device support, and more. It's now called Information Technology Support. Learn more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 - CDC Pont Viau visits Pinewood Elementary

May 8 - CDC Pont Viau visits Twin Oaks Elementary

May 9 - CDC Vimont students go to Quebec City attend the Olympiades des métiers trade competition

June 19 - CDC Vimont/Lachute Graduation ceremony

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS - SPORTS CHAMPIONS !

Congratulations to CDC Vimont's volleyball team for recently taking home the 2nd place medal at the AEVT tournament in Gatineau! To close off the season, CDC Vimont staff and students held a friendly volleyball game where students once again won the best 2 out of 3 games! Way to go team!



BOOSTING WELLNESS AT CDC VIMONT !

The **Bougeons pour réussir** initiative at CDC Vimont, in collaboration with the Centre de Service Scolaire de Laval, Groupe **Promo-Santé**, and Public Health, brought students together for a fun, 10-week fitness journey. Led by a kinesiologist, these 30-minute cardio sessions not only boosted physical health, but also fostered resilience, mental well-being, and strong friendships—all to the beat of great music and plenty of laughter.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS - ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS!

More than 150 students from 10 cohorts have obtained their diploma between November 2024 and March 2025. Congratulations to 64A, LPN37, CBM15, CBM16, Professional Sales 2, Customer Service 3, Computing Support 38. A special mention for our PSW7 group (Kanesatake) for being the first cohort in Kanesatake in partnership with KETSC and CDC Pont-Viau. So far in VT, we have 900 students!



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES - AWARENESS

In March, CDC Pont-Viau marked the Violence and Bullying Prevention Week with impactful awareness activities with students and staff. Both centers had the privilege of hosting CFL Hall of Fame Quarterback and Alouettes coach Mr. Anthony Calvillo, who shared his inspiring journey of perseverance and valuable lessons on bullying. A heartfelt thank you to AGAPE for sponsoring this meaningful event.



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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES - PERSERVERANCE

In February, AEVT hosted a variety of perseverance activities to highlight Hooked on School Days. CDC Pont-Viau celebrated with a Valentine's Day-themed perseverance photo booth and gathered student testimonials that shared their "love" of perserverance! CDC Vimont welcomed representatives from various post-secondary institutions during their Career Fair, allowing students to get a glimpse of the many options available to them after completing their studies in the adult sector.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS - VT

Leila Virginia-Zorzi, Student, Institutional and Homecare Assistance

I started in January 2024, but it did not work so I took time to think and I decided to restart my program in late January 2025. I feel like I belong in this program because, I am a good person and kind, and I can inspire lots of vulnerable people with my abilities and capacities.

I am currently finishing competencies 5-6. I would like to thank my mom, my brother, my teachers and my classmates for always motivating me to continue my studies.

What I love about CDC Pont Viau, is that every classmate is very cooperative, always motivating each other, and the teachers and staff are awesome.

If you want to study to obtain a DVS, go to CDC Pont Viau!



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES - NUTRITION

March was eventful as VT students in the healthcare program hosted a nutrition exhibition for Nutrition Week. Our students also took on the Water Splash Challenge, promoting hydration for better academic success! Congratulations to the winning class LPN40 for logging their water intake consistently for a week and drinking over 71,500 ml of water in one week!

Jihad Maatouk, Student, Accounting Studies

Teachers

- Knowledgeable / professional instructors
- Goes out of the way to help you
- Always present during training hours

Program

- Evening course suit my schedule around day work and family commitments.
- Gives me time to absorb the new information.
- Excellent valid information that will help open many possibilities of employment.
- Educational contents and material are up to date.



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More Ways We Support the SWLSB Community !



The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Business Training Services known as QUALIFICATION, offers a variety of services beyond traditional education. Whether you're a business, an employee, or a lifelong learner, we have resources to help you grow. We serve businesses in the regions of Laval, Laurentides, and Lanaudière, helping develop the skills of their employees and managers. Our training programs are offered in French and English to meet the diverse needs of our community. Please click [here](#) to learn more !



QUALIFICATION is proud to have launched two creative initiatives this winter to support businesses and equip them to thrive despite the uncertainty brought about by the current political and economic climate:

- Strategic Lunchtimes: a series of 10 free webinars covering key topics
- A 20% discount on our corporate English courses: bilingualism is becoming a strategic language skill to penetrate new markets

20% Discount- English courses - Service aux entreprises Qualification

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RECONNAISSANCE DES ACQUIS
ET DES COMPÉTENCES
RECOGNITION OF ACQUIRED
COMPETENCIES

Did you know that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offers a Recognition of Acquired Competencies (RAC) process that can lead to a Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS)—*without having to return to school full-time !*
Learn more about how you can fast-track your certification [here](#).



Be sure to visit our websites
and look for our second issue
of the **"In The Loop"**
newsletter coming out on
June 1!



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