

LIVING CLASSROOM

Building a Stronger Workforce in Senior Living

The Living Classroom is a partnership model that **integrates education into a long-term care or retirement home** to support workforce development. Students, faculty, and those living, visiting and working in the home engage in a culture of shared learning.

Benefits of the Living Classroom

STUDENTS

- Students are exposed to rewarding career opportunities in senior living
- Students benefit from experiential learning with residents, families and team members
- Students can live, study, and work in their own community
- Students graduate with enhanced skills, greater confidence and practical experience caring for older adults



TEAM MEMBERS

- Team members benefit from student assistance with care
- Team members learn new clinical practices and update their caregiving skills
- Team members experience personal growth by mentoring the next generation of healthcare professionals



RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND EDUCATORS

- Residents and families share their knowledge and wisdom with students and educators
- Educators can offer programs in locations where there is high demand
- Long-term care and retirement homes can hire new employees from a pool of work-ready graduates



Foundations of a successful Living Classroom

COLLABORATION IS THE KEY!



Shared goals and values



Formal agreements



Standard operating protocols



Communication and coordination



Integrated teams



Physical space and equipment



Enhanced curriculum



Long-term commitment



Visit livingclassroom.ca to explore the Living Classroom partnership model and find resources to support educators and senior living providers.

