



# The Making of Me



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UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATING **5** YEARS IN ONTARIO

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– Cam Jackson, Burlington Mayor  
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This year Charles Sturt University (CSU), one of Australia’s leading regional universities, celebrates five years in Ontario. From offering only the Bachelor of Primary Education Studies, CSU has developed its course profile to now include three degree programs and a number of Additional Qualification (AQ) courses.

The reason for CSU’s success in Ontario is clear: like its motto ‘For the Public Good’, Charles Sturt University is committed to adding value to postsecondary education in Ontario. From developing innovative curricula and founding partnerships with key industry bodies, through to its strong emphasis on hands-on learning and individual student attention, CSU strives to provide education in a fresh, engaging environment.

The CSU curriculum is unique in that it draws the best from Australian, Canadian and international

research and best practice. This integration of two national systems, plus international perspectives, significantly enriches CSU’s activities and results in leading edge professional programs.

As a university for the professions, CSU is committed to providing access to substantial periods of hands-on learning each session that enhance both the student experience and collaboration between the professions and the university.

Importantly, students studying with CSU may qualify for financial assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

As a public university, CSU is proud of its achievements in Ontario and wishes to celebrate them with you at a special event to be held on campus on Thursday April 22 (see back cover for more details).

## How we measure up

*“Charles Sturt University has continued to provide school boards with candidates who are well qualified to enter the classroom. These candidates bring a strong professional understanding of the role of being a teacher and of the skills needed to teach in an Ontario school system. Candidates from Charles Sturt University also bring a strong desire to be educators, enthusiasm and a realistic understanding of the demands of a classroom in Ontario today. Our board is very supportive of our relationship with Charles Sturt University and in the end, our students benefit from this relationship.”*

– John B. Kostoff, Director of Education  
Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board

**MOHAWK**  
COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

**Congratulations to our partner Charles Sturt University – on their 5th Anniversary. Postsecondary education innovation and choice never looked more promising.**



# Distinguished and different

The Ontario Campus of Charles Sturt University offers a unique Canadian educational experience. A major public University from ‘down under’, CSU draws strength from the two highly rated national systems of Australia and Canada.

“We have a well-earned reputation in Canada and abroad because we provide an exceptional education on the cusp of current profession and industry practice,” said Bob Meyenn, Charles Sturt University Ontario Provost. “We take enormous pride in the success of our students, top-flight instructors and the world-class teaching materials, methodologies and technology that support them.”

CSU distinguishes itself with practical, hands-on courses built on sound theoretical and conceptual underpinnings. This approach offers graduates the best chance at employment opportunities. Many courses offer access to practicum opportunities from the first week of study. Right from the start, this orientation gives students a chance to tackle real life situations and build valued relationships with prospective employers. As a result, our graduates are sought after. They find work quickly, and what’s more they score high levels of satisfaction among employers.

The university’s excellence is further reflected in:

- distinctive programs developed closely with the professions
- student placement options that offer substantial professional experience, in the field, each session
- curriculum design and teaching shaped by current educational best practice and by the research literature, changing views of the disciplines, and standards of professional practice

## Bachelor of Primary Education Studies (BPES)

Teaching in the primary-junior (JK-6) divisions is an enormously rewarding profession and, with CSU’s Bachelor of Primary Education Studies, you can be assured you will learn cutting edge teaching methods in a supportive environment. Our one-year program is accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers and will allow you to teach in Ontario. It is designed to make you job-ready with 10 days of in-school orientation, two days each week of the session in your practicum classroom plus nine weeks of block practicum experience across the two divisions (primary and junior). This structure adds to the depth and authenticity of the professional experience, and provides the opportunity to develop a strong rapport with your students over an extended period. As every course is highly integrated with the in-school component of the program, Teacher Candidates have the opportunity to learn a concept one day and apply it in the classroom the next!

CSU’s Teacher Candidates are well regarded by education professionals and, to support your effort in seeking employment, you can access workshops about job preparation, résumé writing and interview skills. At year’s end, each candidate will highlight their work in a Presentation Portfolio to use in job interviews.

For more information, please visit [www.charlessturt.ca](http://www.charlessturt.ca)

*“The Ontario Principals’ Council, an association of elementary and secondary school leaders from across Ontario, values its partnership and looks forward to continued cooperation with Charles Sturt University in the provision of advanced learning opportunities for association members.”*

– Mike Benson, Executive Director,  
Ontario Principals’ Council, Toronto, Ontario

- facilities at our Ontario Campus include lecture and tutorial rooms with the latest IT/AV technology, a resource and technology centre, student common rooms, offices and small conference rooms, parking, and a state-of-the-art wireless network that services both students and staff. These resources allow students to be part of learning communities while at university, on professional experience and from home.

“We are different. We are a place with a ‘tasty’ international flavour where you get a really good education that’s career-focused, engaging and memorable. You hear the laughter in our hallways and classrooms. No apologies. As we Australians say...don’t be boring. Where we come from, an excellent experience should be fun.”





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*“The Halton District School Board is the ‘on the ground’ sponsor for Charles Sturt University teacher education program in Ontario. We continue to see significant benefits within the Halton Region and more broadly across Ontario. The CSU pre-service program has resulted in well trained novice teachers entering our education system and thriving. The impact of the CSU model on the landscape of pre-service programs throughout Ontario has been consistently positive over the past five years.”*

– Wayne Joudrie, Director and Secretary,  
Halton District School Board, Burlington, Ontario



## Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (BECS)

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies is an Honours degree designed for students holding a Diploma of Early Childhood Education. Developed collaboratively with Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology and Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, ECE graduates complete the CSU program in two years.

Students are granted full credit for their existing two-year ECE Diploma from any Ontario college. Students may take the program either full-time or part-time within a schedule that provides many options for afternoon and evening courses.

CSU's Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies aims to bring multiple and critical perspectives to the forefront in the preparation of early childhood professionals, and seeks to develop graduates who are leaders and advocates in the early childhood field. The program is designed to be integrated with community agencies, and students are provided with many opportunities to work closely within these organizations.

Graduates will be well placed to gain employment in leadership roles in a variety of early childhood services. Graduates of the program, who choose to further their education, will be qualified to apply for graduate elementary teacher programs and will be highly sought after to staff the early years of schooling.

Applications for a September 2010 intake are now open. For more information, please visit [www.charlessturt.ca](http://www.charlessturt.ca).



## Master of International Education (School Leadership)

Charles Sturt University's Master of International Education (School Leadership) is a flexible, profession-oriented degree. The program is offered by distance education and supported by a strong learning community. Prior Learning Credit is offered for applicable equivalent courses.

The international dimension provides opportunities to experience a broader range of educational issues and perspectives. The program provides opportunities for you to critically analyze local and international contexts, utilizing real world practical experiences with a sound theoretical base.

- based at our Ontario Campus in Burlington and aimed at aspiring and current school leaders
- offered in Ontario with consent of the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- developed and updated in partnership with the OPC
- a 10 course program in which you can receive credit for up to five courses including the Ontario Principals' College Principal's Qualification Program (Standard and Master's Dimension), Experienced Principal's Development Course (EPDC) and Specialists
- courses are focused on leadership and allow candidates to customize their program to meet their personal study schedules through flexible delivery by distance education.

Applications for a July 2010 intake are now open. For more information, please visit [www.charlessturt.ca](http://www.charlessturt.ca) or email [schleadership@csu.edu.au](mailto:schleadership@csu.edu.au).

# The CSU Experience

*Camaraderie – Support – Enthusiasm – Innovation – Reputation*

These are just some of the words Charles Sturt University (CSU) students and graduates associate with CSU. From orientation through to graduation and beyond, CSU students feel supported in their learning endeavors.

As Head of the School of Education in Ontario, Dr Will Letts explains, “CSU staff are dedicated to excellence in the delivery of higher education and have a well-earned reputation for providing exceptional education with a focus on practical, industry-relevant experience.”

“At the heart of our work are the values of a commitment to diversity and difference, sustainability, ethical practice, global citizenship, and social justice. Students who join our learning community experience the excitement, challenge and collaboration that studying at Charles Sturt University offers,” Dr Letts said.

CSU prides itself on providing practical, hands-on programs that ensure graduates have the best chance at employment opportunities. Many programs offer access to practicum opportunities from the first week of study, ensuring students are equipped to tackle real life situations.



## Study anywhere, any time

Study through Charles Sturt University (CSU) is not limited to those programs offered on our Ontario Campus. CSU is one of Australia’s leading providers of distance education and has hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate courses available by distance education study.

From busy professionals to stay at home parents, distance education can provide the flexibility to fit study around your commitments.

CSU’s online community provides the perfect support for distance education students. From shared learning spaces, to podcasts, real-time chat with lecturers and fellow students, online forums

and online assignment submission, CSU allows students to participate in a learning community from anywhere in the world. A further benefit of studying via distance education through CSU is that, unlike some other providers, the University sends course materials to you by mail.

As one CSU distance education student, Cathy Bawden of Toronto, expressed, “the quality of courses, professor feedback, online learning, and respect for individual needs make CSU unique”.

For more information on the courses available via distance education visit [www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au).







## Partnerships to fuel innovation

In Ontario, Charles Sturt University (CSU) meets student needs in innovative ways, by capitalizing on the strengths and resources of neighbouring postsecondary institutions, including McMaster University, Mohawk College and Sheridan College.

“Our goal at Charles Sturt University is to work in partnership with other leaders in education, to create distinctive, synergistic and groundbreaking learning programs and pathways for students, professionals and the community,” said Bob Meyenn, CSU Ontario Provost.

A good example of working together to forge academic excellence is the CSU Bachelor of Primary Education Studies program. It features new practicum models, and experts from local school boards. They share their experience and knowledge as program instructors. Area school boards, particularly the Halton District School Board, and the teaching profession continue to play a big role in the program’s design, implementation and success.

Other CSU initiatives are drawing accolades too. The new Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies is a good example of a ‘degree completion’ venture in cooperation with Mohawk and Sheridan Colleges. This program enables early childhood education college graduates to continue onto a CSU Bachelor of Honours university degree. The CSU’s Master of International Education (School Leadership), developed in collaboration with the Ontario Principals’ Council (OPC), is getting good marks for building upon OPC courses for current and aspiring school principals.

Looking forward, a Memorandum of Understanding with McMaster University now supports joint work underway to identify and develop exciting additional new learning programs and pathways for students.

Postsecondary education innovation and choice in Ontario has never looked more promising.

*“McMaster University and Charles Sturt University share a commitment to quality education choices and an uncompromising student focus.”*

– Peter Smith,  
Associate Vice President Academic,  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

*“Mohawk College looks forward to developing additional degree completion agreements with Charles Sturt University in addition to the Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies, and to providing further opportunities for our graduates.”*

– Cheryl Jensen, Vice President Academic,  
Mohawk College, Hamilton, Ontario

*“Sheridan is proud to team up with Charles Sturt University to create exciting and important learning pathways in such fields as early childhood, nursing, and business and many others.”*

– Mary Preece, Vice President, Academic,  
Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario





# Letter from the Mayor of Burlington



Congratulations to the faculty, graduates and students on Charles Sturt University's fifth anniversary in our City. We are proud that one of Australia's largest public universities chose our city to be the site for their Canadian campus. As a testament to your high academic standards, CSU was one of the first international institutions to receive accreditation to operate as a University in Ontario.

Our CSU campus has been quietly growing and successfully placing graduates into the work force, while its leaders work on bigger plans for the future. We wish you continuing success in expanding your programs and partnering ventures with leading institutions such as McMaster University, and Mohawk and Sheridan Colleges. By finding and filling niches in existing post-secondary offerings and bridging college programs into university degrees, you have created new and valued pathways for students.

On behalf of Council, I congratulate Charles Sturt University on forging a strong relationship with the Burlington community, and for your international reputation for excellence while maintaining an outstanding record for securing employment for your graduates.

We look forward to the continued growth and success of Charles Sturt University. Your strong commitment to the highest quality of teaching and learning, makes us proud CSU calls Burlington its Canadian home.

Sincerely,

Cam Jackson, Mayor



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CHARLES STURT  
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for 5 years of dedication to  
outstanding educational experiences  
for Sheridan students.



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## Experience CSU...

*"Placement is probably the best experience one can get out of this program. The material we learn at CSU prepares us for what we need to know when we are in the classroom. Our placement allows us to apply our knowledge and experience what it's really like to be in a classroom with 20-30 students."*

– Lornah Kim  
Bachelor of Primary Education Studies

*"When applying for CSU I was extremely nervous as I didn't know what to expect. Now that I am almost one year into a two-year program, I ask myself do I have any regrets? No, I do not. This experience is priceless. This journey has given me so many opportunities and I have developed a large amount of confidence."*

– Pamela Sivestri  
Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, April 22, 2010

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Charles Sturt University in Ontario  
860 Harrington Court, Burlington, ON

Stop by to meet our staff, students and alumni, and enjoy some genuine Australian hospitality.

If you plan to attend, please register by calling the campus at 905-333-4955 by April 12, 2010.



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