

unions, professional associations, government departments, business and industry.

Adult education is not centred exclusively in institutions. As well as the time-honoured correspondence courses and in-classroom night school programs, courses are available from travelling libraries and cultural institutions such as museums and art galleries, radio, television and newspapers.

A wide range of adult education programs exists. Through part-time study, a person can upgrade qualifications by taking courses towards a high school graduation certificate, a college diploma or a university degree; a person may also take non-credit programs for personal enrichment or leisure use. Instruction is available in hobby skills, fine and applied arts, recreation and social education, to name a few. Professional development and "refresher" courses are also offered.

For the past decade or so, adult education has been the fastest growing sector of Canadian education.