

Orillia Campus in Simcoe County

In 2006, Lakehead University launched a campus in downtown Orillia, 135 km north of Toronto. Four years later, Lakehead celebrated the opening of its new Academic Building at 500 University Ave. in Orillia, designed and built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) standards. In the fall of 2011, two more LEED® buildings were added to the campus, a residence and a cafeteria-bookstore.



Quick Facts

- Located on the shores of Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching, the city of Orillia is a vibrant and active community offering great choices in culture and recreation.
- Currently, there are 1,100 students at the Orillia campus.
- In Fiscal 2010-2011:
\$16.5M – Economic impact of Lakehead on the City of Orillia.
\$11.5M – New money brought into the City of Orillia by Lakehead students.

Resource Needs and Opportunities

Last November, Lakehead University hosted an *Open Doors – Open Knowledge* event to recognize the receipt of \$13M in federal funding under the Knowledge Infrastructure Program for the construction of its Academic Building at 500 University Avenue. The Academic Building, which opened in September 2010, was designed to meet LEED® platinum standards and last year received an Ontario Association of Architects 2011 Design Excellence Award.

Thanks to the determination of the citizens of Simcoe County and surrounding areas, Lakehead University now offers postsecondary education tailored to the needs of Orillia and greater Central Ontario. Only at the Orillia campus can Lakehead students enrol in the Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science program – a unique multidisciplinary program that provides an excellent foundation for pursuing graduate studies in law, medicine, and education.

New programs in media studies and criminology are resulting in increasing numbers of student applications from Ontario high school students in Barrie, Orillia, and Newmarket.

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