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The Disability Channel
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The Disability Channel is excited to announce that the Ontario government has invested through a partnership with OWLware Ltd. to assist more than 60 job seekers with disabilities through SkillsAdvanceOntario training project in partnership with local employers in the Greater Toronto Area, Peel, Hamilton and Halton regions.

“Our government is proud to support training opportunities in digital and accessible media through this partnership with OWLware Limited,” said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. “This program helps people with disabilities connect with employers and develop the job skills necessary to succeed and thrive.”

Participants will attend 14-weeks of training with Mohawk College Enterprise as well as be taught digital media professionals who currently work in the industry. This hybrid learning and experiential work model allows students to learn while they build a professional accessible media portfolio. Students gain knowledge in closed captioning, podcasting, video production and editing, social media writing and design, and web accessibility and accessible documentation. They will also receive career planning, mentoring and soft skills workshops to assist in resume writing, interview prep and professional planning. The Disability Channel is the media partner on board who provides real hands-on experience in the digital media industry. The Disability Channel provides work experience assignments and special projects to aid students in developing their employer/employee relationship practice furthering each student’s employability.

“Training is essential to our economic success,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. “With the right skills, workers will find good, meaningful local jobs. Supporting innovative projects in communities across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area is part of our plan to help hard-working families recover from the impacts of COVID-19.”

To learn more about the program and to apply for the upcoming August 2021 cohort which will be delivered to the Greater Toronto Area virtually please visit:

<https://owlware.com/programs/>

or email lizz@owlware.com to inquire about the application process. The program is currently accepting applicants.