



Cathy Lewis
Manager of Apprenticeship Programming
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Cathy Lewis received undergraduate degrees from Carleton University, her Education Degree from the University of Ottawa and has additional qualifications in special education. She completed her MBA at the University of Ottawa.

Cathy joined APOC in 2007 to design and implement a three-year Microelectronics Apprenticeship program in partnership with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and Algonquin College. APOC delivers innovative learning on work time to 400 registered apprentices who will earn 19 college credits through the program in areas such as Science, Math, Statistics, Communications and Quality Regulations. Additional programming has been developed for employees to earn their high school diplomas as the company builds a vibrant learning culture and invests heavily in their future workforce capacity.

Cathy is a founder and the CEO of iSisters. She was the primary onsite teacher from 2001 until 2005 (as a volunteer). Cathy has led the creation of six unique technology learning programs that support women in need. Five new technology learning centres have been built in the Ottawa/Capital region that offer employability and information communication technology learning opportunities for Inuit women, teen mothers, women who are homeless and immigrant women. iSisters has received national recognition from ITAC (Information Technology Association of Canada) and The Conference Board of Canada. Additional focus currently includes supporting the completion and launch of iTeachnology, an online learning initiative and concluding a multi-year research study with the Canadian Council on Learning.

As an educational consultant for the past ten years, Cathy has led numerous online education programs for public, private, non-profit and post secondary organizations. She led the creation of educational online resources on the history and heritage of Parliament Hill for Public Works and was the education advisor to the Library of Parliament. Cathy created a national technology learning program for teachers through Nortel and for at-risk parents for Family Service Canada. She translates her overall understanding of the education sector to the corporate world and post secondary strategic projects for clients such as Carleton University.

Cathy is a passionate community member and volunteer who believes strongly in equality and providing access to education as a vehicle to promote and build healthy communities and strong business. She sits on the board of directors of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, is an active member for the Ottawa University Telfer School of Business Alumni and is a proud graduate and supporter of Leadership Ottawa.