

Arrowsmith Program provided at Halifax Christian Academy

The Arrowsmith Program is a unique cognitive strengthening program for individuals with Learning Disabilities/learning difficulties. Now in our sixth year of providing the program, Halifax Christian Academy is currently the only school east of Quebec offering the program. Designed by Canadian, [Barbara Arrowsmith Young](#), the Arrowsmith Program has become world renowned and has empowered thousands of students over the past 30+ years.

Based on the principles of neuroplasticity (which simply means: the brain can change itself) the Arrowsmith Program's goal is to strengthen learning capacities so that students will be confident and empowered learners in the cognitive areas which had once hindered them socially and academically. Improvements to a student's cognitive ability through the Arrowsmith Program is long lasting and does not fade over time.

A typical Arrowsmith student entering the Arrowsmith Program will often experience a range of issues, including: reading, writing, mathematics, comprehension, logical reasoning, visual memory, auditory memory, dyslexia, non-verbal learning, auditory processing, attention, and dysgraphia. Parents are encouraged to read the [Descriptions of Learning Dysfunctions Addressed](#) to learn more about how the Arrowsmith Program can help their child.

Our Learning Environment

The Arrowsmith Program understands that each student has individual needs that require close supervision and guidance from their teacher. All Arrowsmith classes have a 1:10 teacher to student ratio to ensure the utmost support.

Most Full-Time Arrowsmith students will attend Arrowsmith classes for 50% of the school day and mainstream academic classes for the other 50% of the school day, Monday through Friday. All Arrowsmith students at HCA are required to attend their respected grade level Math, English, and Bible classes as well as attend Chapel once a week.

Becoming a Student

All Arrowsmith students participate in an initial Arrowsmith Assessment which identifies their individual cognitive strengths and weaknesses. Based off of this assessment, students are then placed in the necessary cognitive strengthening activities.

Assessments and student intake are available at any point during the school year.

Halifax Christian Academy provides both Full-Time and Part-Time Arrowsmith program options for HCA students in grades 1-12. We also provide a Part-Time program option for children and adults who are not students at HCA.

If you are interested in learning more about the Arrowsmith Program provided at Halifax Christian Academy, please contact our Arrowsmith Program Teacher, Miss Allen, directly at kallen@halifaxchristianacademy.ca or on Facebook [@ArrowsmithProgramHalifax](#).