

# IHSA IN THE NORTH



## IHSA serves unique training needs in Northern Ontario

IHSA is proud to represent workers in every corner of the province. Each region of Ontario does different work, deals with different geographic and industry-specific issues, and has different worker needs.

This is especially true in Northern Ontario, where IHSA is at the forefront of ensuring that these training needs are met.

IHSA offers courses in a wide variety of formats in order to make them more accessible. In addition to our home-study programs and online learning, we have a mobile classroom that delivers training to locations in the North. As well, we continue to offer training in small and remote communities with our “at customer facility” program delivery format.

IHSA Course Participants Trained in Northern Ontario (2018-2019)		
Type of Training	2018	2019*
Public (At IHSA Facility)	3,510	1,096
At Customer Facility	2,923	662
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>1,758</b>

\*Year to date (as per April 2019)

Our subject-matter experts provide training, consulting, and auditing services, and they facilitate employer-recognition programs and client outreach initiatives. The IHSA bipartite Labour-Management Health and Safety Committees are well-known in the North. We have developed close relationships with trade associations and distributors in the region, as well as with area high schools and colleges. All of this is done with a view to ensuring that IHSA has a solid understanding of Northern Ontario safety training needs and has the boots on the ground to provide it.



One of the more recent endeavours has been to be a part of the safe and secure construction of a major power installation built for and by some northern communities.

The Wataynikanep Power Transmission Line will connect 22 Northern Ontario First Nations communities to a secure power source beyond the constraints of diesel generators. IHSA has joined with participating organizations Wataynikanep Power, Opiikapawiin Services, PowerTel, and Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training to deliver training programs including Line Crew Ground Support training.

Over a 15-week period, young workers take in-class safety courses and are given hands-on instruction to prepare them for careers in the powerline and construction trades.

IHSA has long been a part of the Powerline Technician program at Cambrian College in Sudbury. IHSA helped build that program from the pole line up more than 13 years ago. Building on the huge success of that program, IHSA has created a Line Crew Ground Support Program in Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

In Sudbury, with the help of Gezhtoojig Employment and Training, IHSA has trained dozens of classes of students in this 15-week job readiness program.

In Thunder Bay, with the help of utility contractor Gridlink, it is hoped that the LCGS program will be offered twice more, in April and August of 2019. The goal is to see 48 students graduate successfully with the intent of building the foundations of a solid safety culture for the Watay Power Project.

IHSA also uses training space at the IBEW facility in Thunder Bay and has the ability to host classroom-based and hands-on courses there.

These are just a few examples of some of the ventures IHSA has undertaken in Northern Ontario. Along with these specific training programs, IHSA will continue to provide support in many other unique ways such as:

- Supporting the Northern Ontario Safety Group while investigating possible new group locations
- Working with local homebuilder and construction associations
- Volunteering with local education days and providing safety information initiatives on areas such as traffic control, small business safety, Steps for Life walks, etc.
- Taking part in various regional safety trade shows and conferences in Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Timmins, and other communities
- Assisting in the facilitation of the WSIB's Build Your Health and Safety Program
- Providing health and safety information and support to various not-for-profit groups, remote First Nations communities, and student groups.

These are just a few of the ways IHSA has provided, and will continue to provide, support to this unique area of the province. Visit [ihsa.ca](http://ihsa.ca) to learn more about the training, products, consulting, or other services that IHSA can offer to your firm, anywhere in Ontario.