

Champlain Annex @ McDonnel

Frequently Asked Questions

What is my College affiliation?

Champlain College

A personal message from your Champlain Head of College...

As the Head of Champlain College, I am proud to include all the students living in the McDonnel Street apartments in our community of learning. That's why we've dubbed your residence "The Champlain Annex" at McDonnel. Being a member of Champlain makes you a part of many proud Trent traditions. Participating in college activities and events, during ISW and throughout the academic year, will be your way of learning about those traditions, and will be your way of building that tradition. Your college membership is also your access to some crucial support services, including academic advising, as well as a route to belonging and participating in intramural sports and leisure activities. I look forward to getting to know you, and learning how I can support your dreams and ambitions. As Champlainers, we have an opportunity to build on the college's strengths and make the Annex one of Trent's dynamic and unique communities of learning.

-Dr. Mike Allcott, Head of Champlain College and Director of the Trent International Program

How is the Champlain Annex @ McDonnel set-up?

The building consists of 70 apartment units, on three floors, of which Trent, and our community will occupy about 20 of these apartment units. We have the privilege to live in a shared space with other residents of the Peterborough community and the opportunity to become true local citizens of the downtown city core. Our community of apartments is located throughout all three floors and mixed with tenants of the building. Other building amenities include:

- Coin operated laundry room on the 1st floor (\$1.50 per wash, \$1.50 per dry)
- Champlain Annex Lounge on the 3rd floor ~ features tables for school work, couches, chairs, TV and DVD player.
- Bike Rack at the back of the building
- Mail boxes located in the laundry room

How close is the Champlain Annex @ McDonnel to the main Trent Symons campus and Traill College campus?

The Champlain Annex is located in the heart of downtown Peterborough. The Trent Express bus route, which provides service directly from downtown Peterborough to the Symons campus, is located near the front of the apartment complex. The total transit time on the Trent Express is approximately 15 minutes from The Champlain Annex to Symons campus. Paved bike paths to campus are also accessible from the downtown and will take approximately 30 minutes to reach main campus. Trent's Traill College is located one block north of our complex and features all graduate studies and the Departments of Canadian

Studies, Cultural Studies and English. A computer lab, study lounge, coffee shop and community space are all located within the Trill College campus for Champlain Annex students to utilize.

What amenities are included in each apartment? What do I need to bring with me?

Apartments are fully furnished and include bedroom furniture (bed, desk, closet storage, under bed storage), living/dining room furniture (couch, chair, coffee table, and table with chairs) and window blinds. Appliances include a standard fridge and stove.

Students need to bring/consider bringing:

- clothes
- personal toiletries
- personal belongings
- linens
- towels
- alarm clock
- clothes hangers
- phone
- computer
- power bar with surge protector
- bedspread, sheets & pillow
- towels & face clothes
- dishes & cutlery
- needle & thread
- school supplies (pens, paper, notebooks etc.)
- soap & toiletry items
- robe
- laundry detergent
- clothes hamper
- iron
- posters/wall hangings (Do not bring anything that would require putting holes in the wall to mount – bring non-residue tape, 3m hooks or sticky tack.)
- kitchen items (toaster, coffee maker, microwave, pots, pans, cutlery etc.)
* Note that it might be useful to connect with your roommates in advance or on move-in day to determine who is bring certain items and possibility of sharing small appliances.
- paper towel and toilet paper
- slippers (apartments have hardwood and laminate flooring)
- small free standing storage shelf or bookcase (shelving that requires drilling or attaching into walls is not permitted)
- fan

Are there things I can't bring into the Champlain Annex @ McDonnell?

Yes, please be sure to check-out page three in the Residence Guide that outlines a list of prohibited items.

<http://trentu.ca/housing/documents/ResidenceGuide2010.pdf>

Is there a lot of storage within the apartments?

Apartments contain multiple closets and under bed storage. Similarly to most residence facilities though, space is limited. Consider just bringing your clothes/belongings for the fall term initially. There will be plenty of time to move-in your winter clothes and accessories come December.

Is the Champlain Annex @ McDonnell similar to the residences on the main Symons campus?

Yes...and no.

The unique student apartments that make up the Champlain Annex provide an opportunity for community, learning and civic engagement in the heart of downtown Peterborough in a diverse neighbourhood. Living in a shared building with tenants also makes us different from the residences on the Symons campus, but provides a great chance to experience living off-campus in a supportive community environment with an emphasis on becoming active, engaged and aware citizens of the Peterborough community. Similar to the college residences on the Symons campus, community standards will help ensure all Champlain Annex students have maximum opportunity for growth, learning, development and academic success in a safe and respectful environment.

Lastly, and an important part of the Trent experience, is our affiliation with Champlain College – your new community away from home for the duration of your time at Trent.

How will I know what the bus schedules are? Are taxi cabs available? What if I want to walk, is a “Walkhome” service available?

When you move-in on September 6th, you will find a bulletin board within your apartment that will include bus schedules, important phone numbers (including cabs) and Walkhome info. Walkhome is a free service for students at Trent which provides a pair of volunteers to walk you to your destination within 25 minutes of the Champlain Annex and Trill College. You can call and book in advance, plan a weekly scheduled walk or call at the time of need. More details can be found at: <http://www.trentu.ca/admin/walkhome/>. You can volunteer with Walkhome as well!

Are there staff supports and Dons at the Champlain Annex @ McDonnell?

Yes, a team of two Dons (Joe and Jenn) and a College Residence Life Coordinator (John) all live at McDonnell with you and are there to help make your year an exceptional community experience. John, Joe and Jenn are there for support, advising, assistance with community or apartment issues and just plain fun! When you move into your apartment you'll find a calendar of community programs for the month of September. Pot-lucks, trail hikes, visits to downtown coffee shops and weekly grocery shopping extravaganzas – we plan to do it all! Also, if you need help or assistance, one of us will only be a short phone-call, text message or hallway walk away.

What security features are in place for Champlain Annex students?

Many people and features are in place to work with you to make our community as safe as possible including:

- 2 Dons and a College Residence Life Coordinator
- Partnership with Campus Security and Peterborough Police
- Different keys/locking mechanisms for the Building, Apartment door and bedroom doors
- Peepholes on all apartment doors
- Partnership with Trent Walkhome
- Emergency contact numbers within each apartment

At your first community meeting, we will overview safety, fire and emergency procedures with you. Information outlining help/support services will also be on the back of your apartment entrance door.

How close is the Champlain Annex to downtown Peterborough and amenities?

The Champlain Annex is located within downtown Peterborough and is a short walk (under 10 minutes) to major amenities including grocery stores, coffee shops, restaurants, services, pubs/bars, shopping and theatres. When you move-in, you'll find a map showing a Peterborough "Top 10" where Joe, Jenn and John will share with you their favourite hidden gems in downtown Peterborough. We will also go on a walking tour of the downtown during Introductory Seminar Week to explore Peterborough.

What is the "Flex Plan" part of my residence fees?

The \$500 mandatory flex meal plan associated with your residence fees gives you a small meal plan for use on the main Symons campus. Whether it being a coffee from Tim Hortons in the Bata Library, a Pita from the Great Hall or an all you care to eat meal from the Robinson Dining Hall in Gzowski College - The \$500 flex dollar on your student ID card acts as a declining balance to provide you with the opportunity to eat on campus when you have a long day of lectures or grab a coffee on your way to a seminar.

Does Trent provide content insurance for students?

The University does not provide insurance or assume liability for damage/theft of personal belongings. It is strongly encouraged that you check with your parent/guardian's homeowner's policy and/or your insurance representative to ensure that contents and/or damage coverage is extended to your residence room.

When do I move in? What can I expect on move-in day?

Move-in is on **Monday, September 6th from 8am – 12noon**. Simply arrive at 294 McDonnell St. (Champlain Annex) during this time and we'll ensure you get moved in and set-up for Introductory Seminar Week. If you are travelling from a far and anticipate arriving later that day, just email John to confirm so we are ready for when you arrive johnarnou@trentu.ca.

For a google map link to the Champlain Annex, please visit:

http://maps.google.ca/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=294+McDonnel+Street,+Peterborough,+Ontario&sl=49.891235,-97.15369&sspn=40.792424,114.169922&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=294+McDonnel+St,+Peterborough,+Peterborough+County,+Ontario+K9H+2W6&z=16

On move-in day, we will have lunch for you and your family, information on Introductory Seminar Week, your first community meeting and college registration on the main Symons campus. We'll have volunteer staff that will ensure you know where to go throughout the day and are available to answer any questions you might have.

What is my mailing address?

294 McDonnel St
Apt. # _____
Peterborough, ON K9H 2W6

What phone/internet services are provided within each apartment?

Wireless internet is available within each apartment. Instructions on how to connect your computer to the router/wireless set-up will be provided when you move-in. You and your roommates will also need to create a password for your apartment router. Instructions on how to do this will also be provided within your apartment on move-in day. Wireless internet is included in your residence fees.

One phone line *per apartment* with unlimited calling in Canada and the United States is provided and included in your residence fees. International calls are not permitted based on our current service provider. Students wishing to make international calls are encouraged to purchase an international phone card.

What on-line connection tools exist for the Champlain Annex @ McDonnel community?

We have a facebook group started that is facilitated by Dons Jenn and Joe. Within facebook, simply search "The Champlain Annex @ McDonnel 10/11". This will be the on-line home for communication for the Champlain Annex community for information sharing, events, programs and updates. Join today!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email John Arnou in Housing Services at johnarnou@trentu.ca or call 705-748-1011 x6177.

Also, please don't hesitate to join the facebook group and message Joe/Jenn with questions.