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How the Pandemic has Impacted Working Undergrads

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COVID-19 shutdown the world and changed the lives of everyone in it. What students would traditionally expect from a university experience has been altered. This has forced students to balance already existing stressors, while also adapting to new problems caused by the pandemic. The pandemic has complicated student's ability to finance their education through employment, whether it is finding work or staying employed. Which places different levels of pressure on an individual based on the resources they and their families have access to. All of this is happening while students are still trying to maintain their grades in their various classes and constantly dealing with increasing levels of uncertainty. On this topic there exists large gaps in the literature on students in the Canadian context. Through qualitative semi-structured interviews I want to explore how the pandemic has impacted the relationship between education and undergraduate students with part time jobs.