

## **Self Guided Tour through Ontario Colleges Website**

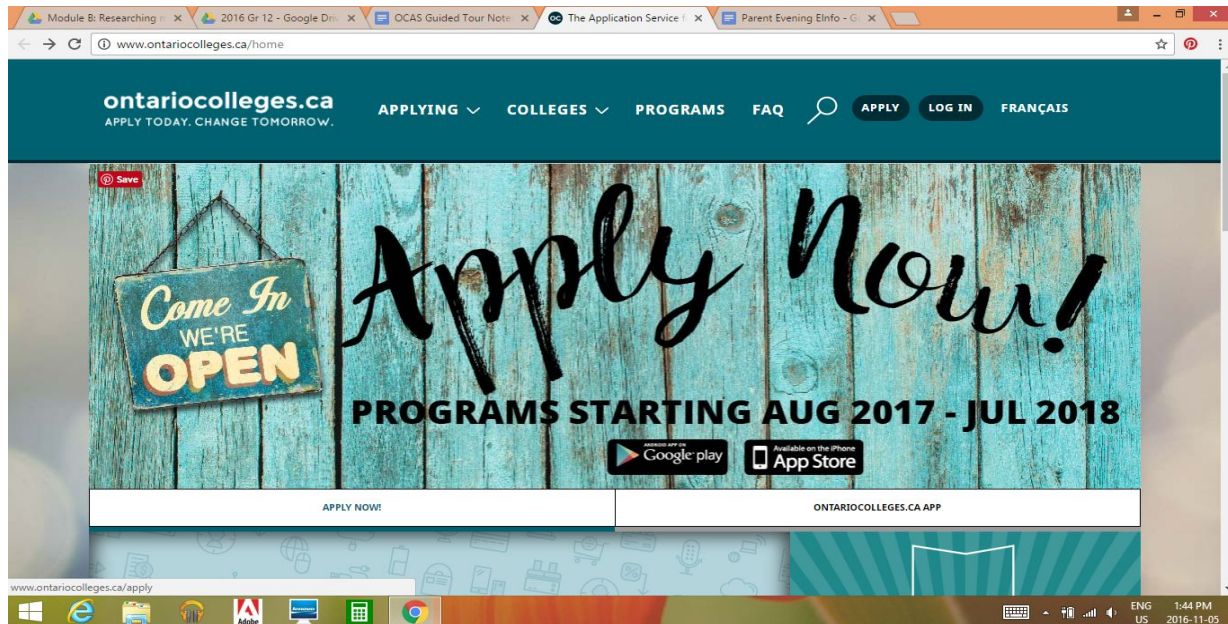
This outline has been provided to assist parents and students to walk through the parts of the website. It includes some prompting questions to allow the participant to think about what is being researched. Please see the Powerpoint "Trailblazers: Creating Your Own Pathway " for a good start to your research.

### **Suggested Activities:**

1. View short video "Think you know college...think again!"  
<http://www.ocif.ca/> or  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtw8fUy\\_m9M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtw8fUy_m9M)
2. Guided exploration of the Website: <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home>

### **Website Home Page:**

Look at the top Menu Bar—Applying, Colleges, Programs, FAQ, Apply, Log in



## Parent Pathways Evening--Bur Oak S.S. (November 8, 2016)

The screenshot shows the homepage of www.ontariocolleges.ca. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "READY TO APPLY? READ THIS FIRST!". Below this, the page is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a "HOW DO I..." section with a list of questions: "Accept an offer?", "Get my transcript?", "Pay for my schooling?", "Transfer credits?", "Apply as an international student?", "Apply as a mature student?", "Find resources for immigrant applicants?", and "Find out more about skilled trades?". To the right of this is a "NEWS & EVENTS" section with a sub-heading "Apply to College From Your Phone" and a paragraph of text. Below these sections are three main columns: "Live Chat" with a "CHAT OFFLINE" button, "Next Important Dates" with a calendar icon and dates for "Early October 2016" and "November 20, 2016", and "Here to Help" with contact information for phone, email, and a "Full Contact Details" link. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and system tray information.

### Look at the top menu "Applying" → click on How to apply

1. Application dates and fees
2. Types of programs (VERY IMPORTANT to understand differences--look at this!)

The screenshot shows the "Types of Programs at Ontario Colleges" page. The top navigation bar includes "ontariocolleges.ca APPLY TODAY. CHANGE TOMORROW.", "APPLYING", "COLLEGES", "PROGRAMS", "FAQ", "APPLY", "LOG IN", and "FRANÇAIS". The breadcrumb trail reads "Home > How to Apply > Program Types". The main heading is "Types of Programs at Ontario Colleges". On the left, there is a vertical menu with links: "Mobile", "Important Dates", "Application Fees", "Transcripts", "Program Types", "Highly Competitive Programs", "Skilled Trades", "Admission Requirements", "Immigrant Applicants", "International Applicants", "Mature Students", "Offers of Admission", "Transfer Credits", and "e-Materials". The main content area features three sections: "Certificate Programs" with a description and a link to "See all Certificate programs at Ontario colleges"; "Diploma Programs" with a description and a link to "See all Diploma programs at Ontario colleges"; and "Degree Programs" with a description and a link to "See all Advanced Diploma programs at Ontario colleges". A graphic of a diploma with a red ribbon is visible in the bottom right corner. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and system tray information.

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### 3. Highly competitive programs\*\* (different timelines)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/highly-competitive-programs](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/highly-competitive-programs). The page title is "Highly Competitive Programs at Ontario Colleges". On the left is a navigation menu with items like "Mobile", "Important Dates", "Application Fees", "Transcripts", "Program Types", "Highly Competitive Programs", "Skilled Trades", "Admission Requirements", "Immigrant Applicants", "International Applicants", "Mature Students", "Offers of Admission", "Transfer Credits", and "e-Materials". The main content area includes a paragraph explaining that highly competitive programs have more qualified applicants than seats available. It states that applicants must apply on or before the **Equal Consideration Date (February 1)**. A list of priorities for acceptance is provided: Permanent residents of Ontario, Permanent residents of other provinces or territories in Canada, and Applicants from other countries. It also mentions that colleges may require specific secondary school subjects as prerequisites and that applicants should visit college websites for more details. A section titled "Which programs are highly competitive?" notes that the "Find a Program" tool indicates if a program is highly competitive. At the bottom of the page, there is a photo of a diverse group of young people.

### 4. Skilled trades--programs and careers

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/skilled-trades](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/skilled-trades). The page title is "Skilled Trades Programs and Careers in the Trades". The navigation menu on the left is similar to the previous page but highlights "Skilled Trades". The main content area features the heading "Hands-on experience leads to a rewarding, in-demand career" above an image of various tools like a hammer, pliers, and a mouse. Below this, it asks "Think you know what a career in trades is all about? Time to think again." and lists diverse career paths such as plumbing, mechanics, construction, welding, hairstyling, and esthetics. It also mentions benefits like industry-driven training and a solid foundation of business and technical skills. A section titled "Stronger Than a Stereotype: Women in Skilled Trades" is accompanied by a photo of women working in a trades environment.

### 5. Admission requirements

### 6. Offers of admission

### 7. E-MATERIALS—Areas of Study *Need to open this tab*

→Areas of study: this booklet will help with the search words and what schools to look at for each of the credentials

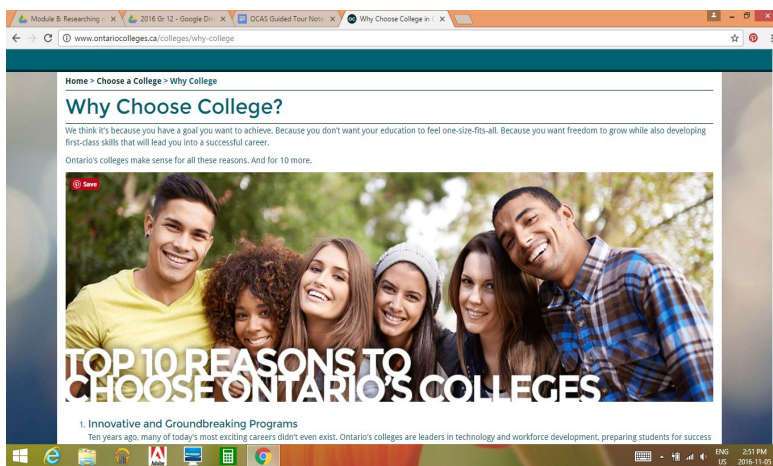
→Tutorials

→Highly competitive programs

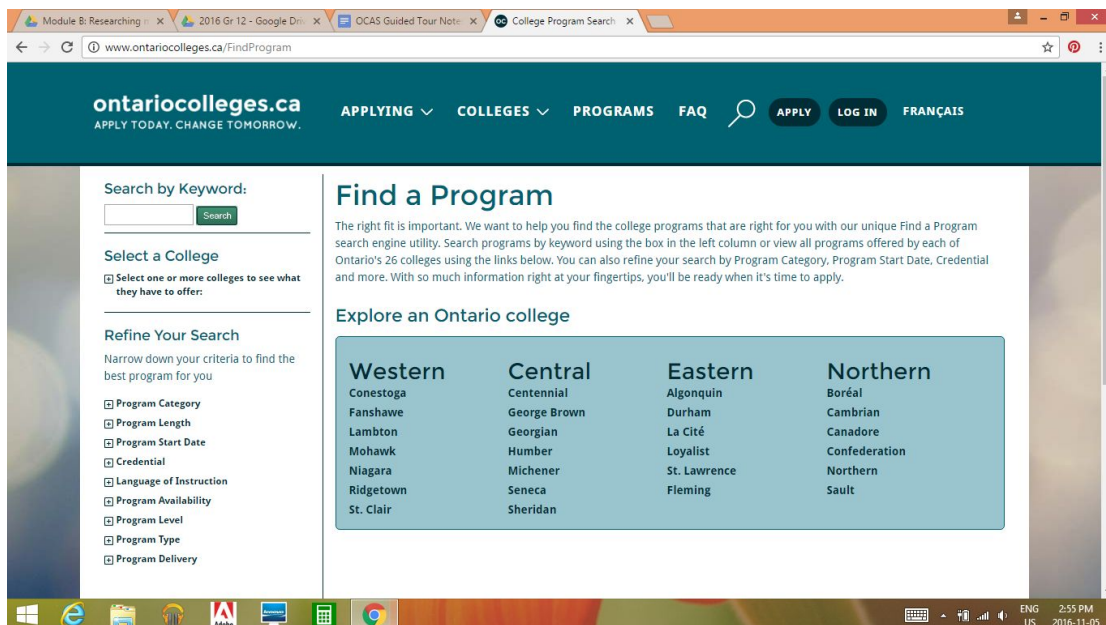
## Look at top menu "Colleges" → click on Choose a college

- College Map
- Why college--article on top 10 reasons
- Paying for college

This will let you search specifically for programs under a specific college; for more options go to the "Programs" search



## Look at top menu "Programs" → Find a Program



## Search by any of the side bar categories (How to...)

1. Select a college → number of programs will show  
→ search by keyword (ie: business, architecture, counselling)  
→ Select a College  
→ Select a Campus
2. After putting in a general keyword, you will need to refine your search since you will get a lot of “hits”

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.ontariocolleges.ca/SearchResults/BUSINESS-FINANCE-ADMINISTRATION-BUSINESS/\\_/N-lhxz](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/SearchResults/BUSINESS-FINANCE-ADMINISTRATION-BUSINESS/_/N-lhxz). The search results are displayed in a table with the following columns: PROGRAM TITLE, COLLEGE, CAMPUS, AVAILABILITY, PROGRAM DELIVERY, START DATE, and WEBSITE. The table lists 20 results, with the first few being 'ACCOUNTING' programs at Seneca College (Newnham Campus) and 'ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS' programs at Centennial College (Progress Campus). The availability status is indicated by a red dot for 'CLOSED' and a green dot for 'OPEN'. The program delivery is listed as 'FULL TIME'. The start dates range from 2016 to 2018. A sidebar on the left contains filter options: Program Length, Program Start Date, Credential, Language of Instruction, Program Availability, Program Level, Program Type, and Program Delivery. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system tray.

PROGRAM TITLE	COLLEGE	CAMPUS	AVAILABILITY	PROGRAM DELIVERY	START DATE	WEBSITE
ABORIGINAL SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	MOHAWK	OGWEHOVEH (SIX NATIONS)	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING	SENECA	NEWNHAM	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING	SENECA	NEWNHAM	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit
ACCOUNTING	SENECA	NEWNHAM	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - MAY	Visit
ACCOUNTING	SENECA	NEWNHAM	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING	SENECA	NEWNHAM	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - JAN	Visit
ACCOUNTING	SENECA	NEWNHAM	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - MAY	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - MAY	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - JAN	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - MAY	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit
ACCOUNTING - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	CENTENNIAL	PROGRESS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - MAY	Visit

## Narrow down your criteria to find the “best” program for you

- Program Category
- Program Length
- Program Start Date
- Credential
- Language of Instruction
- Program Availability
- Program Level
- Program Type
- Program Delivery

For example, Technician at Durham college for a diploma

PROGRAM TITLE	COLLEGE	CAMPUS	AVAILABILITY	PROGRAM DELIVERY	START DATE	WEBSITE
ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	WHITBY	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	WHITBY	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
CHEMICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit
CHEMICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
CHEMICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
CHEMICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - JAN	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - JAN	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN - TRANSFER TO UOIT BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONS)	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN - TRANSFER TO UOIT BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONS)	DURHAM	OSHAWA	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN - TRANSFER TO UOIT BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HONS)	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2018 - JAN	Visit
COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN - TRANSFER TO UOIT BACHELOR OF	DURHAM	OSHAWA	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit

### Things to note on program chart

- Name of program (can click on and find core information)
- Campus and location
- Availability (Open, closed, waitlist)
- Program length
- Start date (Sept, Jan and May most common)

### Tip #1: Finding Specific Information for the program

**“Visit”**—takes you to the college website for that program to find information like:

1. program overview and outline
2. benefits
3. admissions
4. how to apply
5. virtual tours
6. career outlooks
7. other credentials you can earn
8. tuition and fees

### Tip #2: Using the “Refine your Search” Button Effectively

-look under Credential to find the type of program that you wish to take  
-narrow it down by school if there is a particular school you are interested in

### Tip #3: Other things to look for

Degree programs--Do a search for *Honours* or *Bachelor* or narrow search by credential (there are 141 degree programs across the province)

These programs require six Grade 12U or 12M courses for a degree program...just like admission to a degree at the university.

The screenshot shows a search results page on the Ontario Colleges website. The search criteria are refined to 'Credential: DEGREE'. The results table lists various programs, including Honours Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Interior Design, Bachelor of Applied Health Information Science, Bachelor of Arts (Game Design), Bachelor of Aviation Technology, Bachelor of Behavioural Psychology, Bachelor of Building Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration. The table columns include Program Title, College, Campus, Availability, Program Delivery, Start Date, and Website. The search results are sorted by Program Title in ascending order.

PROGRAM TITLE	COLLEGE	CAMPUS	AVAILABILITY	PROGRAM DELIVERY	START DATE	WEBSITE
ART AND ART HISTORY (HONOURS BACHELOR OF ARTS)	SHERIDAN	TRAFALGAR (OAKVILLE)	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR INTERIOR DESIGN (HONOURS)	ALGONQUIN	WOODROFFE	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF APPLIED HEALTH INFORMATION SCIENCE (HONOURS)	CONESTOGA	DOON	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF APPLIED HEALTH INFORMATION SCIENCE (HONOURS)	CONESTOGA	DOON	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) GAME DESIGN (APPLY THROUGH OUAC)	NIAGARA	WELLAND CAMPUS	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) GAME DESIGN (APPLY THROUGH OUAC)	NIAGARA	WELLAND CAMPUS	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY (HONOURS)	SENECA	NEWNHAM	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY (HONOURS)	SENECA	NEWNHAM	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF BEHAVIOURAL PSYCHOLOGY (HONOURS)	SENECA	KING	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE (HONOURS)	ALGONQUIN	WOODROFFE	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE (HONOURS) (2 YEAR BRIDGING PROGRAM)	ALGONQUIN	WOODROFFE	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE (HONOURS) (3 YEAR BRIDGING PROGRAM)	ALGONQUIN	WOODROFFE	CLOSED	FULL TIME	2016 - SEP	Visit
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONOURS) - INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CONESTOGA	DOON	OPEN	FULL TIME	2017 - JAN	Visit

### Look for this example:

Seneca College and check out one of their Bachelor of Commerce degree programs through "Visit" tab

George Brown Honours Bachelor of Early Childhood Leadership

### A. Transfer programs: type in the word "transfer" or "bridge" or "university transfer"

- Check under Liberal Arts--Seneca@York (one example)
- Read the options available for students

<http://www.senecacollege.ca/fulltime/LAT.html>

**B. Courses indicating Diploma to Degree--do a search for these!**

- Search under Durham College—Accounting/Business or Computer Systems Technician (Transfer to UOIT Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_)
- General Arts and Science—Engineering Prep, Health preparation, Liberal Arts, Nursing UOIT Transfer
- Look to see what it says about the requirements to get into the next course?

**C. Courses indicating a partnership between the college and university**

[https://www.ouac.on.ca/docs/undergrad/collab\\_b.pdf](https://www.ouac.on.ca/docs/undergrad/collab_b.pdf)

Another example is Seneca—look under Arts and Science—University Transfer partnership with University of Toronto Scarborough)

- Who is this program designed for? What might you have to do to get into the next level program? How many years will it take?

Note: Seneca and U of T Scarborough created the first Bachelor of Science Pathway in Ontario Under the [transfer agreement](#), graduates of Seneca's new [Arts and Science program](#) who meet certain admission requirements will be able to enrol in courses at UTSC, leading them to receive both a Seneca diploma and a University of Toronto Honours Bachelor of Science degree in four years.

For more answers, contact the Guidance department or the college or university.