

# Trailblazers: Creating your own Roadmap

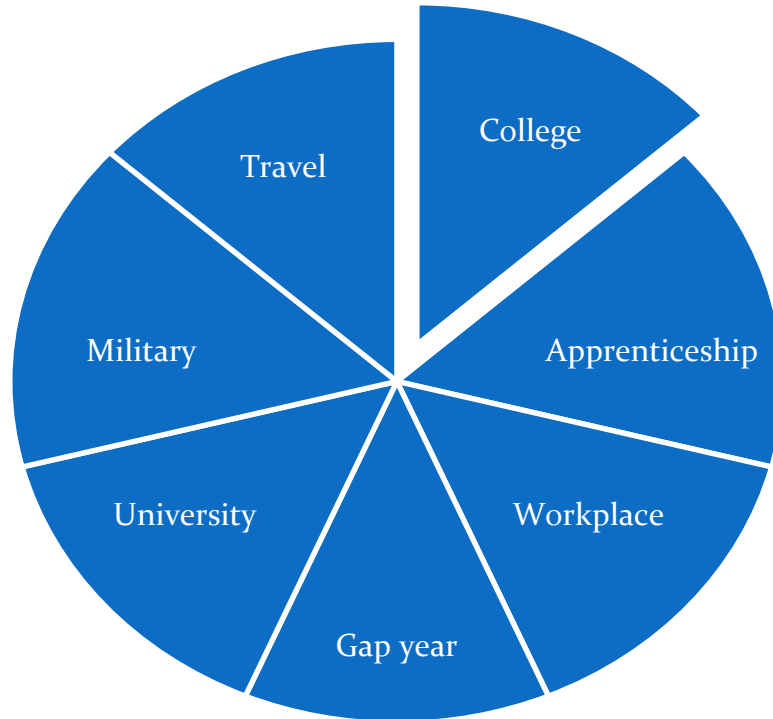
Parent/Guardian tools for Researching  
post secondary destinations  
after high school  
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## Understand changing landscape

- Many students will not move in a linear pathway from high school to a specific post secondary program and then to a specific job
- It will be a journey with a series of decisions
- Many occupations have not been “created” yet
- Workplace is evolving and self discovery of the ideal job is increasing

# Possible Destinations after high school



# Apprenticeship and Workplace

**Speak with a guidance counsellor or the coop head for more information**

**Development of employability and work search skills**

# Student's options for continuing education

- **Foundation programs or Pre programs (1 year)**
- **Diploma programs (2 years)**
- **Advanced diploma (3 years)**
- **Degree programs (3 or 4 years)**
- **Bridging programs from college to university**
- **Transfer programs between both colleges and universities**
- **Collaborative or Joint programs (diploma and degree)**
- **Graduate Certificates (1 to 2 years)**

# Research the benefits of each type of program



# New face of Degree Programs

<b>Degree through University</b>	<b>Degree through College</b>
<b>4 years Bachelor Degree</b>	<b>4 year specialized Bachelor Degree; some called Applied to indicate practical component</b>
<b>Requires six grade 12U or 12M courses</b>	<b>Requires six grade 12U or 12M courses</b>
<b>Theoretical</b>	<b>Theoretical plus practical</b>
<b>Coop available in some programs</b>	<b>Coop, work experience, internship available in all programs</b>

# Examples of specialized degrees\*\*

- **Criminal Justice**
- **Interior Design**
- **Hospitality Operations**
- **Hospitality and Tourism**
- **Athletic Therapy**
- **Journalism**
- **Aviation Technology**
- **Golf Management**
- **Business Administration**
- **Child Development**

- **Paralegal**
- **Digital Communications**
- **Early Childhood Leadership**
- **Game Design**
- **Industrial Design**
- **Computer Engineering Tech**
- **Music**
- **Public Relations**
- **Nursing Science**
- **Construction Management**

**\*\*All through Ontario Colleges**



# Do your research first, select your school after!

## Bad Idea #1:

Select the school and then figure out if there is a program you can apply for

## Bad Idea #2:

Select the school and then research what you need as a prerequisite

## Bad Idea #3:

Listen to other people about what you need to do rather than finding out yourself

## Bad Idea #4:

Only have one plan in mind--keep your fingers crossed!

## Suggested questions for parents and students

- **What credential am I looking for?**
- **What schools offer this program or area of interest?**
- **What prerequisite courses do I need to take?**
- **What are the policies on repeated, failed courses or courses taken outside of day school?**
- **What is the “overall average” to be eligible?**
- **What other things do I need to include in my application?**

# Where to look for information

**Viewbooks and virtual tools**

**Fairs and visits to campus**

**Electronic tools:**

**<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca>**

**<http://www.electronicinfo.ca>**

# Not certain about interests and possible careers

**Career Cruising matchmaker in your IPP (Individual Pathway Plan)**

**Want to look at college programs which fit your interests? Examples...**

<https://humbercareerfinder.com/>

<https://www.fanshawpathfinder.ca/>

<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/careermatch/>

# Parent Resources on Guidance Page for Parents

1. **Poster Series “Be Your Own Trailblazer: Create Your Own Path”**
2. **eINFO Self Guided Tour and website <http://www.electronicinfo.ca/>**
3. **OCAS Self Guided Tour and website <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home>**
4. **Resources to use in Pathways Planning Research**
5. **“Think you know college--think again!”**  
**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtw8fUy\\_m9M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtw8fUy_m9M)**