Post-Secondary Application Process

College and University

Agenda

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- How to ensure a good post-secondary choice
- Is a "Gap" year worth taking?
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- OCAS Overview
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Guidance Services at AMHS

- Committed to supporting students in their journey to identify, develop passions and strengths
- Make connections to future plans
- We work in partnership with you and your parents or guardians
- Stress the value of **good research**, honest reflection and one's individual desire to forge his or her **own way** forward

Is a Gap Year worth taking?





A Look Back in Time

- Typically, Gap Year defined as a bridge between high school and university
- Usually involves a combination of work, study (credit or noncredit), s ervice, development of an interest, travel
- Widespread in Europe since the 1960s; in the UK about 7% of undergraduates undertake a Gap Year
- Students and universities/colleges now recognize the value of time between secondary and post-secondary studies

Benefits of a Gap Year

- An opportunity for students to broaden their personal, educational, and professional experiences
- Provides an opportunity to **reflect, evaluate** goals, and **refine** plans for the future
- Permits a young person to mature and become more focused
- Increases independence and self-reliance
- Allows a student to avoid 'burn out" and often renews love of learning
- Generally **enhances** post-secondary achievement

Typical Concerns of a Gap Year

- Will I fall behind my peer group?
- Will I lose touch with my friends?
- Will I have a difficult transition when I return to formal education?
- What will a Gap Year cost?

Who Would Benefit Most by a Gap Year?

Students who:

- Are seeking to gain further experience in a specialized field or pursue a particular passion
- Need more clarity about which post-secondary and career path they wish to follow
- Have changed their post-secondary plan
- Are not yet fully prepared for the independent nature of postsecondary studies



Gap Year: Process and Planning

- 1. Lots of choices so research is vital
- 2. Establishing goals and clear structure is essential
- 3. Proceed with applications to post-secondary studies while at AMHS
- 4. Accept an offer of admission and then submit a request for a deferral to the following year
- 5. Expenses will vary depending on plan

Useful Websites:

- www.mygapyear.ca
- www.cisontario.ca/page.cfm?p=294
- www.gapyear.com





How much do you know?

- 1. What percentage of the following graduates find work within six months of graduation from:
 - a. University:
 - b. College:
- 2. What percentage of all new jobs created within the next decade will be in skilled trades and technology?
 - a. 25%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 40%
- 3. What percentage of college applicants don't come directly from high school?
 - a. 37%
 - b. 58%
 - c. 73%

Nature of System

UNIVERSITY:

- 21 Public Universities in Ontario
- Vast majority publicly funded (only major exception is Quest University)
- Some universities have more than one campus (e.g. UBC)
- Some incorporate a collegiate system (e.g. U of T)
- Institutions are governed by Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
- Varying Size: Algoma (small) to UofT (very large)

COLLEGE:

- 24 Colleges in Ontario alone
- Over 5000 Programs, 200+ area of study
- Over 55,000 international Students
- 800,000 transfer opportunities to recognize your credits
- In 2019, The province lowered tuition costs by 10% -- Save money!
- In more localized communities
 - Like Seneca, King Campus
 - O Goerge Brown, Casa Loma Campus



Nature of Academic Program

UNIVERSITY:

- Students apply directly to a faculty
- Some specialized 1st year programs are available
- In most cases, don't have to declare a major until 2nd year
- With the exception of professional programs, students generally take about half their courses in a major

COLLEGE:

- Students apply directly to a Program
- Most Programs are specialized beginning in 1st year
- Less flexibility in changing
 Program than in University due to specialization

Nature of the Program

UNIVERSITY:

- Most degrees in Canada are 4 year programs (IB students may gain advanced standing)
- Teaching conducted through lectures, tutorials, seminars and labs
- Class hours average 15-30 hours per week (highest in Sciences & Engineering), with a lot of independent study
- Typical load is 5 courses; courses may run for a semester or full year

COLLEGE:

- Program length varies:
 - Certiicate = 1 year
 - \circ Diploma = 2 year
 - Advanced Diploma = 3 Year
 - Bachelor Degree = 4 Year
- Ability to Transition to University
 provided good academic standing and
 good GPA
- Typical load 4-5 courses per semester
- Class hours average 15-30 hours per week (Health, Science and Technology)
- Co-op or internship options are popular

Who is a Good Fit?

UNIVERSITY

- Students who are fairly focused in their academic interests, but still want flexibility & choice
- Students who want to shape their own academic program without large numbers of distribution requirements
- Students who are mature, self-directed learners
- Large campuses tend to focus more on lecture-style presentations; smaller schools offer more discussion-based classes

COLLEGE

Students who want to focus on specific interests and specialize in a area of study

More fine tuned to industry and courses are largely taught by industry professionals, past and present

Smaller class sizes and more focused on hands-on learning

Enjoys working with cutting edge technology up close

Application Process

UNIVERSITY

- In Ontario, applications are processed through centralized OUAC system
- Outside Ontario, students will apply directly to the university
- Offers made on a rolling basis with multiple rounds
- Generally the more selective the program, the later the offers

COLLEGE

- In Ontario, applications are processed by OCAS
- Offers are made in a rolling basis like universities
- Generally there are no early offers

Grades Submitted

UNIVERSITY and COLLEGES

- FY grades uploaded to OUAC in 1st term of Semester 1
- First set of IB and regular grades are sent in early February at end of semester 1
- Updated grades for all students sent in April
- Final grades submitted in July after diploma results
- We provide universities with IB and converted % grades for the OSSD
- Most out-of-province universities draw grades from the OUAC database, but we also send transcript directly if necessary

Admission Criteria: University

- Applications are evaluated initially on the basis of academic grades either a set cutoff or a floating minimum
- Some universities and more selective programs also require supplementary applications outlining extra-curricular leadership, and in many cases, personal essays or video responses
- Some admission decisions based 100% on grades; others weigh supplemental applications and grades equally; some place great weight on supplements
- There are no standardized tests for 1st year programs (except Waterloo Accounting)
- Interviews may be required for select Programs: Like Schulich Business Programs, etc.

Admission Criteria: College

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- A few select programs also require supplementary applications
- Some admission decisions based 100% on grades; others may weigh supplemental applications and grades equally; or portfolio of work
- There may be some standardized tests Bachelor of Aviation at Seneca
 - Proficiency in math and medical test

General Costs: University

A range depending on school and program and citizenship of applicant:

- Quest (private) \$45,000 tuition + room/board
- Queen's Room/board \$13,000
- 1. Arts & Sci tuition--\$7502 (domestic); \$35,505 (international)
- 2. Commerce tuition \$18,059 (domestic); \$41,881 (international)
- 3. Engineering tuition \$13,476 (domestic); \$39,185 (international)

General Costs: College

- Average cost of tuition for one academic year in an Ontario college program:
 - Diploma Programs \$2,400
 - Graduate Certificate Programs \$3,600
 - Bachelor's Degree Programs \$6,100
 - Collaborative or Joint Degree Programs \$5,000

- You can also expect an average of \$800 in ancillary fees (student activity fees, athletic fees, health insurance, etc.) and \$1,300 for books and supplies.
 - O Note: that these figures do not include living costs, such as rent, utilities and transportation.

Scholarship and Awards

Scholarships and Financial Aid at Universities and Colleges in Canada:

- Direct Application & Automatic Entrance Scholarships are available at all Canadian universities
- Students may also apply for bursaries based on financial need
- New Ontario Student Grant system & OSAP

Helpful Websites for Further Research

- www.electronicinfo.ca
- www.schoolfinder.com
- www.macleans.ca
- www.osap.gov.on.ca
- www.yconic.com
- www.ontariocollege.ca



College



Be sure to Click on the correct link below.



Canadian Applicants

You are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada residing inside or outside of Canada.

APPLY NOW

Already applied? Log In

More Info



International Applicants

You are a citizen of another country and do not have permanent residency status in Canada.

APPLY / LOG IN

More Info

Canadian Applicant

Create your Account

Be sure to use your Legal first and last name



Set-up Your Profile

Click on Get Started

Fill out your personal information and SAVE



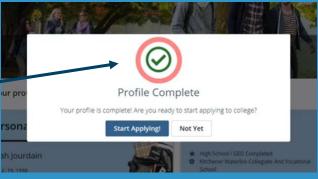
Education Profile



Once your profile is complete you will see this icon.

Now you can start applying to the college(s)/program(s) of your choice

Next click on Education Get Started



Video

https://youtu.be/tSYP0tQUqlo

Short 'how to apply to colleges" Video

International Applicants



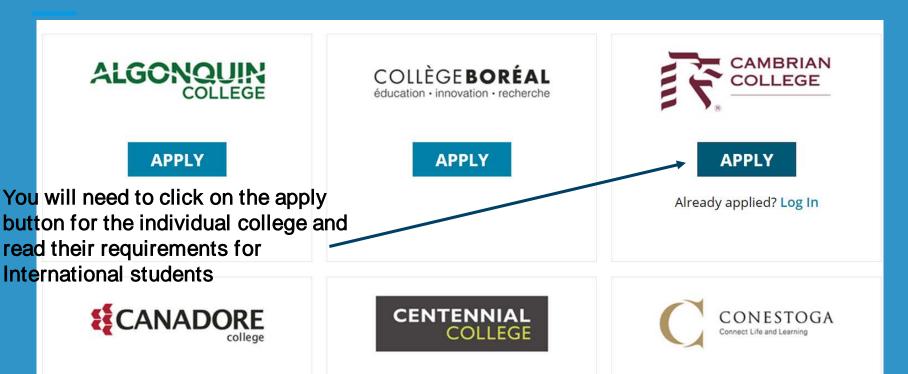
Home | Apply Now | Apply Now - International Applicants

The information and links on this page are for **international applicants only**. If you are currently studying in Canada with a valid study permit, you are still considered an international student. If you are a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, visit our **How to Apply to an Ontario College** page for steps on applying as a Canadian applicant.

Congratulations on deciding to apply to an Ontario college!

Before beginning the application process, please review the information on our Applying to College as an International Student page. Some programs on ontariocolleges.ca may appear open to Canadian residents, but will be closed to international applicants if no international seats are available.

Apply to The College(s) You are Interested in



Important Dates

Early October 2020: Online Application Opens

In early October, access to the online college application becomes available for programs beginning in the following academic year (August to July). You may create an account and begin your application.

February 1, 2021: Equal Consideration Date

Apply on or before this date in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to Highly Competitive Programs must be received by this date in order to be considered. As these programs receive a high volume of applicants, all seats may be filled by February 1.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time.

Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1. Use our **Find a Program** tool at any time to find programs that are still open.

February 1, 2021: Earliest Offer Date

This is the earliest date that colleges may begin to send offers of admission to programs for the upcoming academic year. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

May 1, 2021: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to confirm your offer.

Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.

June 2021: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

Fees

There is a non-refundable fee of \$95.00 CDN to apply to college through ontariocolleges.ca.

The application fee includes up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college); the programs must start within the same academic year (August to July). To apply to programs starting in the next academic year, you will need to create a new application and pay a new application processing fee.

Your application will not be forwarded to your college choices until the application processing fee has been received. Payment of this fee doesn't guarantee that you will get an offer to your program of choice, but you can make changes to your program choices within the same application cycle without any additional payments. Please note that there are no exemptions from the application processing fee.

Payment Methods

- Online. With Visa (including Visa Debit), MasterCard or American Express.
- **By phone.** You can **contact us** to pay over the phone using a credit card. We accept Visa (including Visa Debit), MasterCard and American Express.
- Mailing a Certified Cheque / Money Order. Make the certified cheque or money order payable to 'ontariocolleges.ca' and be sure to include your 9-digit application number as well. For our mailing address, see our Contact Us page. Do not send cash in the mail.

All fees are non-refundable. There will be an additional \$25 fee for returned items. This fee applies to all payment items returned to us for any reason including NSF, a closed account, stopped payment or post-dated cheque, etc.

How to View and Confirm Offers of Admission to College

February 1 is the earliest date colleges may begin to inform applicants of their admission decisions. Offers of admission will continue to be issued until program seats are filled and / or waitlists are established.

Log in to your account regularly to check your offers of admission. Note that offers of admission may not be posted to your ontariocolleges.ca account immediately, as this data must be transmitted to us by the colleges.

Accepting Your Offer

To accept an offer of admission to college:

- Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account.
- Click View Offers under Offers on your Dashboard.
- Select the offer of admission you wish to accept.
- Click Accept.

You can also confirm your acceptance of an offer by calling our Customer Contact Centre.

Once you have accepted an offer, ontariocolleges.ca will send a confirmation email to the email address associated with your account.

The other colleges to which you have applied will receive notification of your accepted offer.

Note: You may not defer an offer of admission.

Changing Your Confirmation of Acceptance

You may receive more than one offer of admission, depending on the number of colleges and / or programs to which you have applied.

You may accept only one offer at a time. However, if you change your mind or receive another offer that you prefer, you may change your acceptance as long as the offer has not expired. Your current acceptance will automatically cancel your previous acceptance.

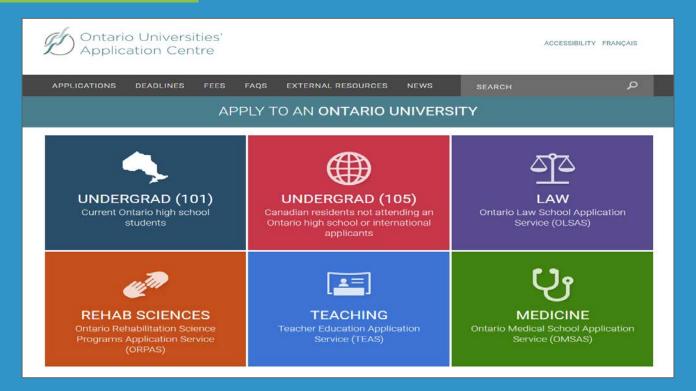
Note that you may only confirm an offer once per day. If you have already confirmed an offer and change your mind later that day, you must wait until the next business day to confirm the new offer.

Confirmation Deadlines

You must confirm your acceptance to college by **May 1**, unless the offer was made to you after this date. Each college determines its own confirmation deadline on offers made after May 1.

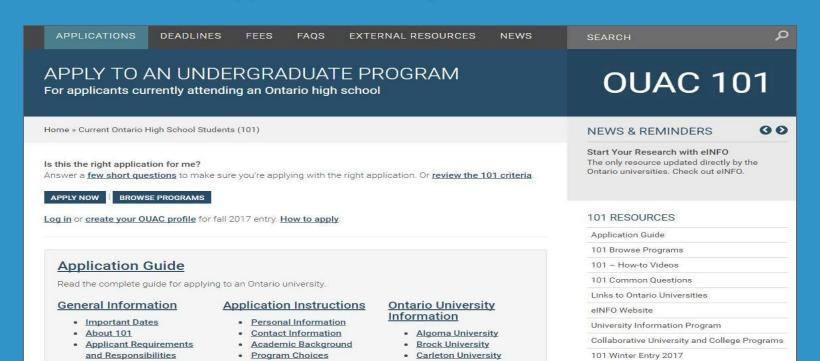
University

Go to www.ouac.on.ca

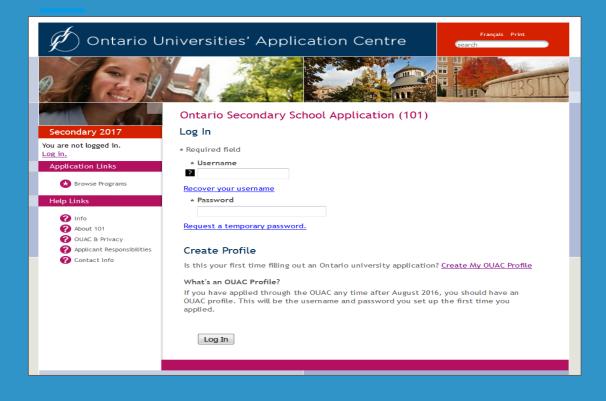


Get Started

Access the online application directly at: www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101



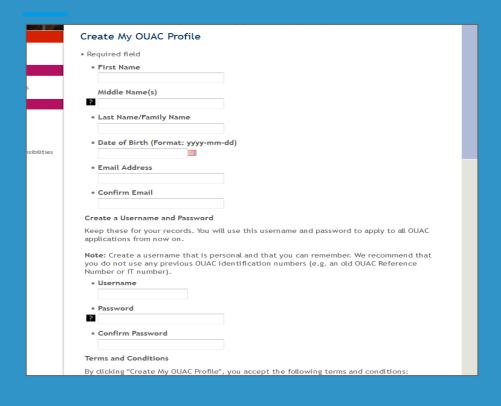
First Time



The first time you log in:

You will need to create an OUAC Profile

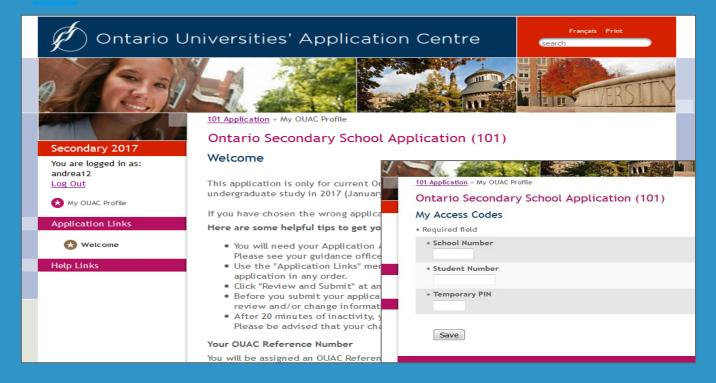
OUAC Profile



Create Your Username and Password

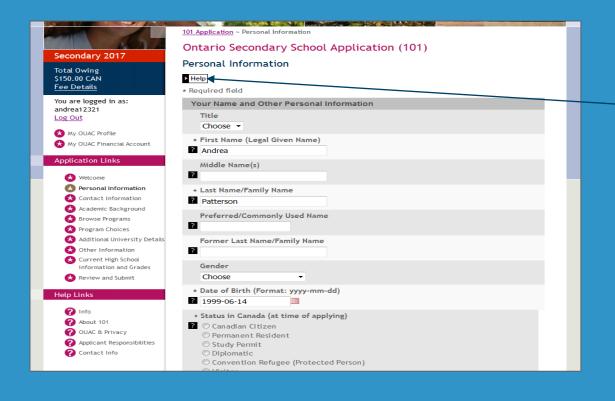
Create a username that is easy for you to remember. You will use it to apply to all OUAC applications from now on.

Welcome and PIN#



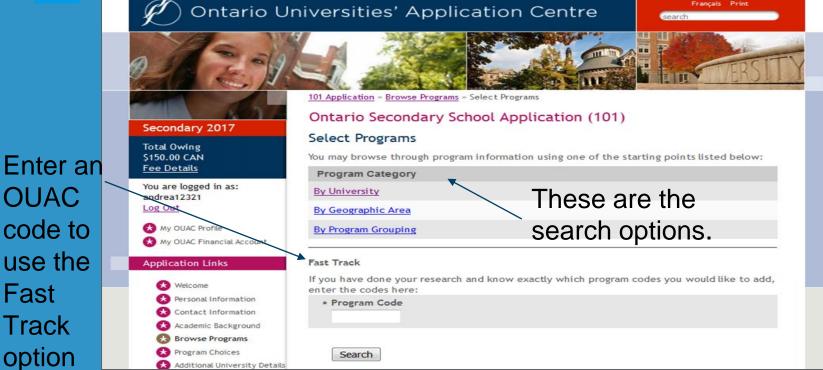
Review the helpful tips on the Welcome page and enter your access codes received by in the mail to start your online application.

Navigating the 101 Online Application



Help" links are located on most of the application screens or on the fields themselves.

Select Your Program



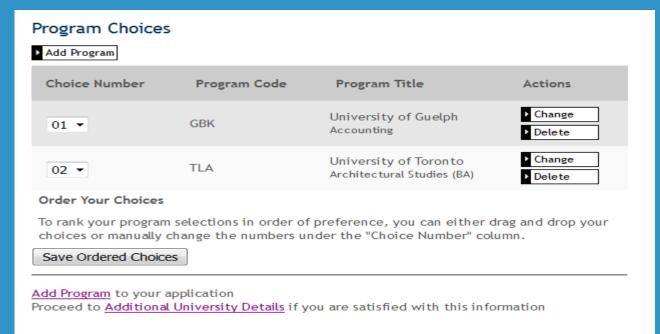
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OUAC code to use the **Fast** Track option

Once You've Selected a Program

101 Application » Browse Programs » Program Details Ontario Secondary School Application (101) Program Details - Accounting Complete the details requested in the following form. · Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) Program is also available by co-operative education. SPECIFIC PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (OSS): • ENG4U, MHF4U, one additional 4U Math, three additional 4U or 4M courses. Students deficient in math will not be considered for BComm specializations. Admission Requirements Visit Visit University of Guelph-Humbe View Admission * Required field Requirements **Program Details** for this program Institution Details University of Guelph Program Code GBK Program Title

Ordder Your Choices



The choice order does not affect scholarship or admission consideration unless a university's literature specifically states that it does.

Important Dates

September to November 2020

Visit OUInfo to find university virtual events and tours, webinars, chats, videos and more. You can also request to receive information directly from Ontario universities.

By the end of November 2020

You will receive your application access codes with your school number, student number and temporary PIN. You will need this information to apply.

January 15, 2021

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to the OUAC.

Note: The OUAC still processes applications received after this date and distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

Fees

\$150 - for 3 Universities/Programs

\$50.00 for each additional program and/or university

Paying for Your Application

You can pay by the following methods:

1. VISA/MasterCard/American Express:

You will need the card number, expiry date and CVV/CVC/CID number.

2. Online Banking:

You will receive a bill payment account number from the OUAC when you submit your application.

Completion

- □ Print the screen displaying your OUAC Reference Number (2020-XXXXXX) and further instructions; it's the screen after the final "Submit" step.
- □ Store your OUAC Reference Number, as you will need to include this number when communicating with the OUAC and the universities

Complete

OUAC Reference Number: 2020-027421

Important: Do not click "Back in your browser after you submit your credit card payment.

Confirmation Number: 13479

After Applying

- The Universities
 - Will establish contact with you via email
 - Will let you know your status
 - Will communicate any next steps, extra requirements, financial information
 - Will offer admission

OSAP

- Your are able to apply for OSAP at the same time as you apply to University
- Through OUAC
- Find a button at the bottom of the application

Why apply now?

Setting up a link allows certain profile fields and program specific information to be prefilled with information from your OUAC profile

Q&A



Please contact your Guidance department if you have any questions or need support: AMHS.Guidance@gapps.yrdsb.ca