

Applying to Ontario Colleges



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GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

EDUCATION + SKILLS = SUCCESS

Tips for College Students



- Meet all of the program requirements
- Research, Apply and Confirm by using: www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Assume responsibility
- No extension to application set deadlines
- Gr12 Guidance Google Classroom **qgy6heq**
- Read all **Guidance Messages** and all pathways related info sent to GAPPS email and on the guidance [webpage](#)
- College Fair Trip October 19th
- Post-Secondary Fair - Nov 9, 6pm @ Stephen Lewis SS

Types of Programs at College



- **Certificate Program:** 1 year of study. Here is the [link](#) to a list of certificate programs
- **Diploma Programs:**
 - **Regular Diplomas** are 2 years of study. Here is the [link](#) to regular diploma programs
 - **Advanced Diplomas** are 3 years of study. Here is the [link](#) to advanced diploma programs
- **Bachelor's Degree:** 4 years of study offering the best of both worlds: a solid foundation of theoretical knowledge and the practical skills to apply this knowledge in the real world. Here is the [link](#) to Bachelor Degree programs.

Types of Programs at College - Cont'd



- **Collaborative & Joint Degree Programs:** are offered jointly by a college and a partnering university. Students may earn either one or two credentials - one from the college and one from the university. These are hands-on learning with theoretical approach to university studies. Here is a [link](#) to the list of programs.
- **Co-op Programs:** include scheduled periods of employment in related industries. Placements are typically paid positions. Here is a list to the co-op programs:
 - Required co-op components - [link](#)
 - Optional co-op components - [link](#)

Apprenticeship Programs at Colleges



- **Apprenticeship Programs:**

- enables you to learn a skill trade on the job, under the supervision of an experienced tradesperson. The classroom component of apprenticeship training may be taken through an Ontario college apprenticeship program.
- 75-90% on the job training
- Here is the [link](#) to the apprenticeship programs offered at an Ontario college.

How To Apply



- Website: www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Create **username** and **password** (keep a record)
- Apply **NOW**
- You may select up to **5** choices with no more than **3** program choices at any one college
- Fee is **\$125** payable by credit card, online banking, certified cheque or money order (non-refundable)
- You need your **OEN** (Ontario Education Number)
- Only **ONE** offer of admission can be accepted. You can change your acceptance if you receive a later offer; this will then ***cancel*** your first offer

Important Dates



- **October:** Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS) is open so apply ***NOW***
- **November 1:** Earliest offer date
- **November 16:** Final day to drop sem 1 course before reporting midterms
- **November 17:** Midterms submitted to OCAS
- **November 29:** Full Disclosure
- **February 1:** Deadline for **equal consideration** date and earliest admission offer date (applicants may confirm / accept offer given)
- **February 1:** Earliest date to confirm an offer of admission
- Offers will continue until all programs are filled; you will be contacted directly.
- Note that applications to **Highly Competitive Programs** must be received before Feb 1 in order to be considered as all seats may be filled by Feb 1.
- **Late April:** mid-term marks to OCAS
- **May 1:** Deadline to confirm offers of admission
- **June:** Tuition deposit due at the colleges. Each college has its own set dates.
- **July:** early July final transcript sent to OCAS

You Are Responsible For



- Verifying your academic information is accurate (your school, courses and marks)
- Arranging **assessment dates** with the colleges regarding **placement tests and portfolios**
- Submitting any **required documents**, such as IEP document or language proficiency document
- Informing Bayview SS and OCAS of any changes to personal information
- Each college will have a **Portal** you must set-up an account

You Are Responsible For – Cont'd



- Private School courses are sent **by** the private school
- Students must ask International Languages at other school boards to add the course on OCAS
- Provide **personal** email address (not gapps)
- Making sure OCAS receives your acceptance by the due date; there are no extensions
- Step-By-Step Application [Video](#)

Accepting An Offer



- To accept an offer of admission to college, **log in** to your www.ontariocolleges.ca account.
- Click on **View Offers** to see your offers of admission.
- Select the offer of admission you wish to accept.
- Click **Confirm**.
- Once you have accepted an offer, ontario colleges will send a **confirmation email**
- The other colleges to which you have applied will receive notification of your accepted offer.
- You may not defer an offer of admission.
- **Deadline** May 1

Changing Your Confirmation of Acceptance



- You may **receive more than one offer** of admission
- 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**.

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.

Financing Your Education



- College costs on average \$3,000.00+ (tuition, books and supplies)
- Living expenses - \$9,000.00 to \$12,000.00 if away (apartment, food, clothing, transportation & utilities)
- OSAP: [Link](#)
- Review Scholarship Presentation found on the Guidance website in [*Paying for Post-Secondary*](#)
- Read GAPPS email for the Scholarship Report and other updates
- Some Scholarships Websites:

Scholarships Canada	www.scholarshipscanada.com
Yconic	www.yconic.com
Seeking Scholarships	Info in the Gr12 Guidance Google Classroom
Grant Me	www.grantme.ca
Scholar Tree	www.scholartree.ca