



## **Emily Carr Secondary School**

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# **ALTERNATIVES**

## **WHAT TO DO AFTER EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL**



## **PATHWAYS FOR NON-GRADUATES**



- **Educational Options**
- **Employment Options**
- **Personal Support Options**

# EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:

## 1. ADULT EDUCATION IN YORK REGION

- Ages 18-20: Quad School programs are available at many high schools.

Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning  
York District School Board  
36 Regatta Avenue  
Richmond Hill, On L4E 4R1  
905-884-3434

## 2. GED: GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

***\*This is a high school equivalency certificate, NOT a diploma.***

- It is most often recognized by colleges, apprenticeship programs, police and fire training organizations. Employers may require this when considering promotions within their organization.

- Successfully complete the Canadian Adult Achievement Test – An initial assessment is done (\$100) at a variety of locations (see web site or call) <http://www.ilc.org/index-main.php> and click on the “GED Testing” tab
- Call 416-484-2737 or 1-800-573-7022
- Optional 6 weeks of coaching class (2.5 hours per week / \$535)
- \$120 for final test is paid directly to TVO-GED
- Be a resident of Ontario, 18 years of age or over, out of full time high school for a minimum of one year
- Visit the website for closest locations
- For more information call 1-888-433-1211 or visit [www.ged.ca](http://www.ged.ca)

## 3. CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTIONS IN YORK REGION

### Summer/Night School:

#### YRDSB

Dr. Bette Stephenson  
36 Regatta Avenue  
Richmond Hill, Ontario  
L4E 4R1

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/programs/coned/Pages/default.aspx>

- Download registration form. Bring updated credit counselling summary to school offering the course.

#### YCDSB

320 Bloomington Road W.  
Aurora, Ontario  
L4G 3G8

<http://www.ycdsb.ca/>

- Register at:
  - <http://ace.ycdsb.ca/>

### Continuing Education e-Learning:

#### YRDSB

- Register at:  
[www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning)

#### 4. VALUABLE RESOURCE GUIDE FROM EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Go to the Guidance link of the ECSS website [www.emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) and click on “Valuable Handouts” and then Valuable Resources Guide 2013-2014 for post secondary planning.

#### 5. VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- If you wish to contact the VPL, call the Main Switchboard at 905-653-READ (7323) and ask for the specific library you would like to contact.
- Services:
  - free internet & word processing PCs
  - assistance with research assignments for school or business
  - access to many electronic databases for school or business

- **Ansley Grove Library :**  
350 Ansley Grove Road Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 5C9
- **Kleinburg Library:**  
10341 Islington Ave. North, Kleinburg, Ontario LOJ 1C0
- **Pierre Berton Resource Library**  
4921 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 1A6
- **Woodbridge Library**  
150 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 2S7

#### 6. ILC: INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE

- **Contact Information:**  
Independent Learning Centre  
PO Box 200, Station Q  
Toronto ON M4T 2T1  
416-484-2704 or 1-800-387-5512  
<http://www.ilc.org/index.php>
- This option offers high school credit courses leading to an OSSD.

**\*You must meet the following criteria to enrol in an ILC credit course:**

- be over 18 years of age and not attending secondary school live in Ontario and be a Canadian citizen, a or landed immigrant, or a refugee, or an Ontario resident holding a diplomatic visa or ministerial permit
- NOTE: If you are 18 – 20 years of age, you must include a “Date of Leaving Letter” from your last secondary school and an official, original Ontario Student Transcript with your request.
- non-refundable fee of \$40 for each course

## 7. MATURE STUDENT STATUS AT AN ONTARIO POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION

- The definition of a mature student varies according to different institutions. You will have to check their websites or call.

Generally the criteria consists of students who:

- do not have a secondary school diploma or equivalent
- are 19 years of age before the start date of the program
- have successfully completed equivalency testing in English and/or Mathematics
- have completed a program of academic upgrading at a level appropriate to the program of choice
- demonstrate proficiency in meeting specific program prerequisites

## 8. APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

<a href="http://www.tradeability.ca">www.tradeability.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• specific to Durham Region</li><li>• it is also a valuable site for general information</li></ul>
<a href="http://www.apprenticesearch.com/">www.apprenticesearch.com/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• this site is specific to the Hamilton, Peel-Halton-Dufferin and Kitchener/Waterloo, Niagara and Brant/Brantford-Haldimand-Norfolk areas</li></ul>
<a href="http://www.findhelp.ca/mtcu/appoff.html">www.findhelp.ca/mtcu/appoff.html</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• this site list contact and location information for the various Apprenticeship Office locations in Ontario</li></ul>
<a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu">www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• this site includes links to Colleges and Other Organizations that provide classroom instruction to apprentices</li></ul>
<a href="http://www.madewiththetrades.com">www.madewiththetrades.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• this is a fun and interactive apprenticeship awareness website for the construction sector</li></ul>
<a href="http://www.osca.ca">www.osca.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• this is a comprehensive website with valuable links to Skills Canada, Skills Profiles, case studies, The Red Seal Program, weekly Toronto Sun articles on Apprenticeship and OYAP programs, and a Database of 112 Trades with required high school courses</li><li>• click on the “Student” tab on the homepage then on the “Apprenticeship” tab for links to sites that address various information about the apprenticeships</li></ul>
<a href="http://www.careersintrades.ca">www.careersintrades.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• comprehensive listing of skilled trades</li></ul>

<p><b>ONTARIO MINISTRY OF TRAINING, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES</b>  <a href="http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/">http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/</a></p>	<p><b>JOB CONNECT</b>  Youth Programs &amp; Free Personal Career Assessments are provided  (905) 669-5627 or <a href="http://www.costi.org">www.costi.org</a></p>
<p><b>EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO HOTLINE</b>  (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)  1-888-JOBGROW (562-4769)  COSTI Assessment Centre</p>	<p><b>VAUGHAN CENTRE</b>  7800 Jane Street  Unit 1, Concord, Ontario  (905) 669-5627 or <a href="http://www.costi.org">www.costi.org</a></p>

## 9. EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

### i. Volunteering:

- gain practical, hands-on experience
  - develop new skills and the opportunity to network
  - add skills to your resume & references
- Volunteer Canada [www.volunteer.ca](http://www.volunteer.ca)
  - Helpmate Community Information and Volunteer Bureau  
1-800-363-2412, 905-884-3000 (Info Bureau), or  
[www.richmondhill.ca/documents/leisureguide\\_helpmate.pdf](http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/leisureguide_helpmate.pdf)

### ii. Employment Assistance:

- Job Skills – they offer: Youth Entrepreneurship Program, Youth Employment Coaches, Youth Employment Service, Workshops, Hot Jobs  
(905) 898-5138, or [www.jobskills.org](http://www.jobskills.org)
- COSTI Assessment Centre  
Job Connect Youth Programs & Summer Jobs Service  
(905) 669-5627 or [www.costi.org](http://www.costi.org)
- Ontario Ministry of Labour  
1-800-531-5551, (416) 326-7160, or [www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/)
- Yorkworks  
(905) 640-2352 Ext.2801 <http://yorkworks.ca/>
- Ontario March of Dimes - Strategic Employment Solutions  
1-866-228-8890 or <http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/Pages/default.aspx>
- Social Enterprise for Canada  
(905) 895-895-0809 or 1-866-243-9925  
[www.socialenterprise.ca](http://www.socialenterprise.ca)
- Newmarket Service Canada Centre  
(905) 953-4052  
[www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca)  
1-800-OH CANADA
- Youth Opportunities Ontario  
<http://youthconnect.ca/>

### iii. Online Job Search Assistance:

- Job Bank Ontario – [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
- Services for Youth – [www.youthgc.ca](http://www.youthgc.ca)
- Monster.ca – [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)
- Workopolis – [www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)
- York Youth – <http://yorkworks.ca/> or call (905) 640-2352 ext. 2801

### iv. Employment and Training Opportunities:

- Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities  
[www.tcugov.on.ca/yourfuture/](http://www.tcugov.on.ca/yourfuture/)
- Employment Services Providers in York Region  
[www.yorkworks.ca](http://www.yorkworks.ca)  
email: [yorkworks@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:yorkworks@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)
- For Jobs in the Woodbridge area contact:  
Next steps Job Developer Ann Mossop  
[ann.mossop@TDSB.on.ca](mailto:ann.mossop@TDSB.on.ca)  
905-851-6551  
4584 Hwy 7 Woodbridge, ON
- For Jobs in Vaughan contact:  
VPI Ink, Job Matchers  
905-764-7538  
398 Steeles Avenue West, Unit 516
- Youth Employment Services  
[www.costi.org/programs/service\\_details.php?stype\\_id=24](http://www.costi.org/programs/service_details.php?stype_id=24)

## 10. PERSONAL SUPPORT OPTIONS

- Please click on the link  
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Parents/Documents/YorkRegionMentalHealth-ResourceList.pdf>, for services related to the following:
  - Abuse
  - Addictions
  - Bereavement
  - Crisis/Distress Lines
  - Employment
  - Financial
  - Food Banks
  - Housing and Support Services
  - Legal
  - Mental Health
  - Mental Health – Youth
  - Physician/Therapist Referrals
  - Self Help