

Helpful Graduate Information

HURON HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Credit Counselling Summaries

Check that you have the following:

- all of the necessary compulsory credits
- ensure you have 30 credits to graduate
- passed the Literacy Test
- Completed 40 hours of Community Service – due in to Guidance no later than May 14th
- Completed all courses/programs for Special Programs eg. Arts Huron, SHSM, Social Justice
- if planning on attending University – you need **6 – Grade 12 U or M courses** on your CCS including ENG 4U1 (check prerequisites as well for your program)
- If attending college – **ENG4E1 and OLC401 won't count** as your English that is required for college – must have ENG4C1

If there are any inconsistencies or concerns, see a counselor as soon as possible – also this is a chance to ask any specific questions you might have regarding college/university/work/apprenticeships or any other issues.

Applying to University and College

- Both university and college applications will be completed on-line
- \$95.00 to apply to college (5 program choices total; max 3 programs from the same school)
- Approximately \$150.00 to apply to university (3 choices--\$50 per additional choice). Some programs have additional supplemental fees that will be added at time of application - see fees section on OUAC
- Guidance will send your **MARKS TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY AT SEMESTER 1 MIDTERM, THE END OF SEMESTER 1, MIDTERM OF SEMESTER TWO AND FINALS OF SEMESTER TWO.**
- Guidance will be hosting information sessions for both University and College students in October to outline the on-line application process
- Once you receive an offer of admission, you must maintain your average or your offer could be rescinded

College

- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Online tutorial – walks through the application process – available soon
- lists important dates and deadlines
- use links to access college websites and/or search by programs
- e-materials on college website are meant to be a guide to find out what colleges offer your programs
- Most of the information for colleges including application procedures can be found at this site
- **February 1st, 2021 – Deadline for equal consideration**

University

- www.ouac.on.ca and www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- connect with universities for virtual seminars and tours
- lists important dates and deadlines
- Online tutorial available
- PIN # required for registration – these will be issued by the Guidance Department
- **January 15th, 2021 – Deadline for on-line applications**

Note: If applying out of province - most institutions have their own applications/due dates/prerequisites etc. - research on their websites - some Universities are linked with OUAC - speak with Guidance Counsellor for more information - students must supply contact information and details regarding any information you need sent to out-of-province institutions to Guidance by email to teri.sadler@yrdsb.ca

Apprenticeship

- NOW: Enroll in OYAP or EOP. This is the easiest way for you to attain help through the Apprenticeship process. They will support you through all the steps if a journey person decides to train you.
- You need to find a qualified employer who will sign you as an apprentice. Places to start looking include: your employer through OYAP, an apprenticeship office (Barrie and Toronto), a union, word of mouth or by contacting employers directly. You can try here as well : <http://feats.findhelp.ca/eng/search.html>
- [Employment Ontario](#) has a resource to help find apprenticeships and employment: They also have a LIVE CHAT so you can get individualized support.
- Take a pre-apprenticeship program offered through many schools, or unions and trade associations. You can search for pre-apprenticeship programs on ontariocolleges.ca or find what trade unions offer by calling or searching online.
- Check out YRDSB's Apprenticeship page ([Intro to Apprenticeships](#)) for resources--includes info for people who have not been signed (see left side of page)
- YRDSB also offers [9 Accelerated OYAP programs](#) where you can get your Level 1 Apprenticeship in semester 2
- As an apprentice you must be registered with the [Ontario College of Trades](#), so be sure to check the website

Work Force

- 70-80% of jobs are not publicized. Start Networking! You should speak to as many people as possible and continue to demonstrate excellent workplace habits as "the vast majority of hiring is friends and acquaintances hiring other trusted friends and acquaintances."¹
- Treat your job search as a course. Devote some time every day into looking for work.
- Check out the Board Website for Employment Resources --yrdsb.ca --Go to [Guidance and Career Home](#). From there you can access job banks, information on specific occupations and other Employment resources (see left side)
- [Youth Job Bank](#)
- [Employment Ontario](#) has a resource to help find apprenticeships and employment: They also have a LIVE CHAT so you can get individualized support.
- Seneca's Employment Services in Newmarket offers workshops, one to one advising and job search support. 905-898-6199. [Employment Ontario](#)
- [Jobskills](#) offers workshops as well as help for youth with job search and individualized assistance 1-866-592-6278

Look at the Bulletin Boards, outside of Guidance for updates and information on Colleges and Universities. Speak to Co-op or EOP teachers regarding Apprenticeships and have a consistent routine to look for Apprenticeships/Work.

Important Notes

- Remember to listen to the announcements for important information – if you miss the announcements, they are posted on a board outside of Guidance
- Contact your counselor with questions
- go to the individual College/ University websites to find out specific prerequisites for programs
- If you are interested in the Trades, make your connections NOW -Speak to Co-op or EOP teachers

¹ Kaufman, Wendy. (2011 Feb 3). "A Successful Job Search: It's all about Networking". Retrieved from <https://www.npr.org/2011/02/08/133474431/a-successful-job-search-its-all-about-networking>

- Pay special attention to additional requirements eg. Portfolio, auditions, supplementary application forms – many of which are on-line so that you can make sure you meet the requirements in advance
- Have a plan! Don't be in a position where you leave high school and you don't know what to do next

Post Secondary Destinations Information/Fairs

Complete the form on this site to receive specific information
 Create a calendar for yourself to ensure you don't miss virtual events

Ontario Universities Fair

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

Accelerated OYAP Information for **various college sites**

For students interested in attaining level 1 apprenticeship in Semester TWO in one of the following: Motorcycle Technician, Automotive Service Technician, Refrigeration and AC Systems, Cook, Child Development Practitioner, Plumber, Electrician: Construction and Maintenance or Carpentry --No open houses. Contact Information on website

November 4 (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) and November 5 (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Registration Opening Shortly

Ontario College Virtual Fair

www.ontariocollegefair.ca

2020-2021 Important Dates

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| Sept | Research period - visit websites - join webinars - request information - view virtual tours |
| Oct | Begin applying to college and university (once PIN numbers are available) |
| Oct | Accelerated OYAP Open House Dates. Specific dates will be posted on YRDSB Accelerated OYAP GOOGLE site |
| Oct | Guidance Tutorials – applying to college; applying to university |
| Nov | Mid-Semester marks sent out to COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES |
| Dec | Guidance suggested month for completing applications |
| Jan 15 | Deadline for UNIVERSITY applications (OUAC will still process applications after this date, however, specific university deadlines will apply) |
| Feb | Final Semester 1 marks sent to Colleges and Universities |
| Feb 1 | Deadline for equal consideration for applying to COLLEGE; earliest date colleges can begin to send offers/applicants can accept offers |
| April | Mid-Semester (2 nd) marks sent to Colleges and Universities |
| May 1 | College - most common date for confirming offers of admission - but not only one. Check offers of admission for exact deadline dates. |
| May 14 | Community Involvement hours deadline for potential graduates |

May 27 Latest date to receive a response from universities

June 1 Earliest date for universities to ask for response to offer and financial commitment
Earliest date colleges may require payment of tuition fees