

Programs at KHS

- Co-operative Education
- Dual Credit Courses
- E-learning (on-line courses)
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM)
 - Business Sector
 - Transportation Sector

Graduation Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- 18 Compulsory Credits
- 12 Optional Credits
- Literacy Test requirement
- 40 Hours of Community Involvement

In addition to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, the following options are also available:

- Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC), 14 credits
- Certificate of Accomplishment, less than 14 credits

What is the 34 Credit Threshold and how does it apply to me?

- While in your first four consecutive years of secondary school, you may go beyond 34 credits
- The 34 Credit Threshold applies to students in their fifth year
 - does not apply to students with an IEP
 - does not include ESL/ELD courses

After secondary school, going beyond the 34 credit threshold is possible with:

- E-learning
- Night School
- Summer School
- Independent Learning courses
- Adult Day School



2020 - 2021

Course Selection Package

Important Dates

Information: Presentation/Workshop

Grade 9's	Feb. 4: Presentation	Feb. 10-12: Workshop
Grade 10's	Feb. 5: Presentation	Feb. 13-14: Workshop
Grade 11's	Feb. 6: Presentation	Feb. 10-12: Workshop
Grade 12's	Feb. 6: Presentation	Feb. 13-14: Workshop

Presentation: 30 min., period 1 or 2, Cafeteria

Workshop: One 35 min. session, period 1 or 2, in lab

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Course Selections Due

- **Complete courses online in My Pathway Planner**
 - Access the Course Selection tool in 'My Pathway Planner' from the Keswick High School website
 - Add Courses for Next Year, in High School Planner: click [course]
 - Review and Submit Courses
 - Print Sign-Off Sheet, sign and get parent/guardian signature
- **Lock-in (submit) courses starting Feb. 12**
- **Return a signed copy of the Course Selection Sign-Off Sheet to homeroom (period 1) teacher**

High School Pathways

Grade 9 and 10 Classes

Academic (D) ENG 2D1
 Applied (P) ENG 2P1
 Locally Developed (L) ENG 2L1
 Open (O)

Grade 11 and 12 Classes

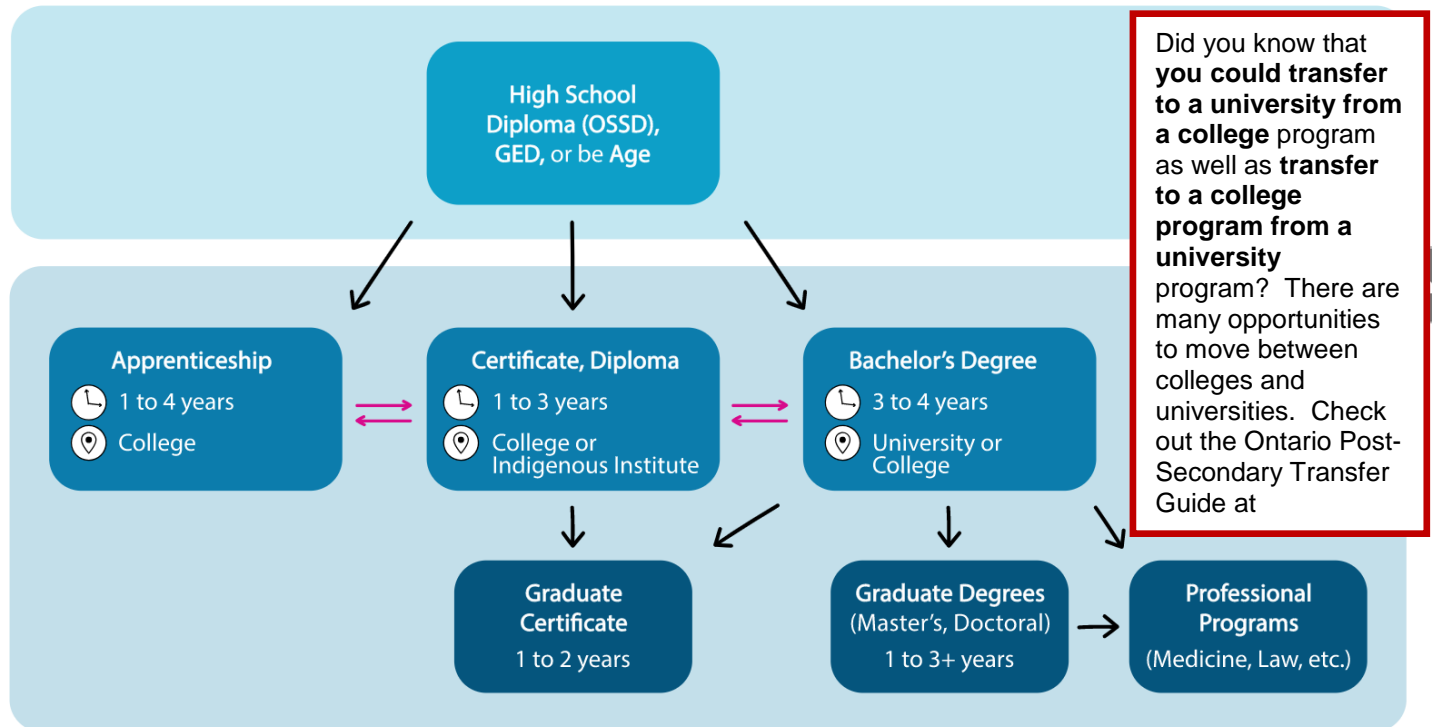
University (U) ENG 4U1
 College (C) ENG 4C1
 Workplace (E) ENG 4E1
 Open (O)
 Mixed (M)

Some Pathways are interchangeable, look on My Pathways Planner for course prerequisites or speak with your Guidance Counsellor.

Post-Secondary

As you develop and review your Individual Pathways Plan each year, be prepared to make some decisions about your initial post-secondary destination. Take time to reflect research and have conversations with your family, teachers and guidance counsellor. **There are many post-secondary education options and opportunities available after secondary school: Apprenticeship, College and University.**

Students with exceptional learning needs, learning disabilities and/or an Individual Education Plans (IEP) can find support information for colleges and universities in the Transition Resource Guide at: www.transitionresourceguide.ca



Preparing for an Apprenticeship

An apprenticeship is a paid job that provides a hands-on training program for people who want to work in a skilled trade, such as automotive service technician, electrician, baker, tool and die maker.

- As an apprentice, you learn by doing and earn while learning. You will receive 90 per cent of your training on the job, and spend 10 per cent of your time in the classroom learning theoretical applications.

Did you know that students have the opportunity to become registered apprentices and work towards becoming certified in a skilled trade while completing their secondary school diploma? You can apply to an apprenticeship after graduation, or you can get a head start on apprenticeship while in secondary school through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

- Strong math skills are required for some of the skilled trades (e.g. electrical, automotive service technician). Check carefully because you may require grade 12 College Math (MAP 4C1) or a different math
- www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship, www.apprenticesearch.com

Preparing for College

Most college programs consist of a package of courses that will train you for a specific area of employment. There are over 500 programs available through the 28 Ontario colleges.

Colleges offer many types of programs, including Diploma Programs, Advanced Diploma Programs, Bachelors Degree Programs (just like university), and Certificate Programs. College Graduate programs are not available for direct entry from high school.

Did you know that some colleges and universities offer joint/collaborative programs where you can graduate with a diploma and a bachelor's degree?

- **The most commonly required courses for admission to college diploma programs are Grade 12 English (ENG 4C1), Grade 12 Math (MAP 4C1) and Grade 11 or 12 Sciences (SBI 3C1, SCH 4C1, SPH 4C1)**
- **Carefully check math requirements!**
- **College admission requirements can vary a great deal from college to college, even when the program titles are the same**
- www.ontariocolleges.ca, My Pathways Planner

Preparing for University

Ontario universities offer undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, collaborative programs, co-op programs and professional programs. Your first degree is called an undergraduate degree or bachelor's degree.

- **Admission to an Ontario University usually requires 6 grade 12 U or M courses**
- **Most universities require grade 12 U English (ENG4U1)**
- **Specific program requirements for each university**
- **If you wish to apply to a Bachelor's Degree at College or a joint College/University program, you must meet university admission requirements**
- **When researching university, consider the following: admission averages, cut-off marks, program enrollment and admission criteria**
- **Universities often consider grade 11 (U and M) course marks for conditional offers of admission**
- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca, www.ouac.on.ca/external-resources, www.ontariocolleges.ca, My Pathway Planner

Preparing for the Workplace

School-to-work transition offerings are specialized high school programs that prepare students for employment or self-employment. These programs include both in-school and work-based experiences, including work experience, co-operative education (Co-op), Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and Alternative Learning Education Program (ALEP).

- The following resources provide information and support for students preparing for the workplace: www.jobskills.org, www.qtti.ca, www.esdc.gc.ca, www.workforceready.ca, My Pathway Planner

Programs at KHS

Cooperative Education (Co-op)

Co-op is educational programming that integrates classroom theory with practical experience in the workplace. Programming is based on a partnership between the school and a business or community organization. It involves the participation of students, teachers and the workplace (placement supervisors). It is a credit-earning program.

Who is it for?

The program is primarily geared for students in Grade 11 and 12. Regardless of the post-secondary destination of choice, all students can benefit from a Co-op program experience.

What are the benefits?

Co-op provides you with an opportunity to:

- develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes through hands-on experience;
- explore a career in order to make informed educational and career decisions;
- gain valuable work experience;
- complete the program requirements of the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM);
- participate in specialized programs such as OYAP and/or Dual Credit;

For more information see Co-op, Guidance or visit www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Coop/Pages/default.aspx

Day School E-learning

Day School e-Learning is available to students who are registered in one of the York Region District School Board secondary schools, and who require courses that are not currently available to them through their day school. For information about registering into a Day School e-Learning course and/or course availability, speak with your Guidance Counselor or visit www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Day-School-e-Learning.aspx

Dual Credit Courses

The York Region District School Board, in partnership with local colleges offers many Dual Credits.

Dual Credit courses are for Grade 11 & 12 students. As ministry-approved courses, Dual Credits allow students (while they are still in secondary school), to take courses at a college or trade school that count towards both the Ontario

Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification.

- Experience college while still in high school **at no cost to you**
- Earn high school credits AND college credits at the same time in the same course

Students may earn credits delivered by publicly funded colleges in Ontario that are participating in the ministry-approved dual credit program. Students may earn up to four optional credits through college-delivered courses.

For more information speak with your Guidance Counsellor or visit www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/dualcredit/Pages/default.aspx

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

A program that enriches a student educational experience with a range of customized, career-focused learning opportunities while working towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). The Ministry of Education has developed SHSM programs for many of the industry and business sectors in the province and has authorized the York Region District School Board to offer SHSM programs in ten of these sectors.

Students now have the opportunity to achieve real-world certifications, explore new ways of learning and 'reach ahead' to their post-secondary destination of choice (apprenticeship, college, university or the workplace).

SHSM Programs at Keswick High School:

- **Business Sector**
Related Occupations: Accounting, Banking, Economist, Conference and Events Planning, Marketing, Retail, Human Resources
- **Transportation Sector**
Related Occupations: Automotive Sales, Auto Service Technician, Mechanical or Civil Engineering, Industrial Designer, Pilot

Who is it for?

SHSM is available to all students in grades 11 and 12 regardless of their choice of post-secondary destination.

Why Should Students Consider SHSM?

Students who successfully complete a SHSM will have a special SHSM Red Seal embossed on their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and will also receive an official SHSM Record documenting the SHSM credits earned, and the industry/business sector related certifications and training received, as a part of their SHSM.

Students who graduate with a SHSM can look forward to improved prospects after secondary school because of the recognition of and support for the SHSM content from business and industry, apprenticeship training programs, colleges, and universities.

For more information on specific SHSM programs please contact Guidance or Cooperative education or visit www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Coop/Pages/SHSM-General-Information.aspx

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

A School to Work program that opens the door for students to explore and gain training in apprenticeship occupations starting in Grade 11 or Grade 12 through the Cooperative Education program. There are over **150+ skilled trades** to choose from! Students have an opportunity to become registered apprentices and work towards becoming certified in a skilled trade while completing their secondary school diplomas.

Who is it for?

Every student, aged 16 or older with 16 or more credits enrolled full time in a York Region secondary school, has the opportunity to be involved in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). Students must be enrolled in a grade 11 or 12 Cooperative Education Program or Personalized Alternative Education Program. Students, parents/guardians and employers are encouraged to explore the benefits of OYAP, to read testimonials and to discover how OYAP provides choices and pathways towards exciting careers through the [OYAP website](#).

What are the benefits?

Applying for the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program could be the first step in beginning a rewarding career in the skilled trades:

- OYAP is a smart choice if you wish to jump-start your career. Jobs in the skilled trades can pay well and challenge your intellect and creativity.
- OYAP is often the first step towards a career path in the trades that can lead to supervisory, administrative or management positions, or even to a self-employed business career.
- Students who participate in OYAP will be trained in a specific set of skills leading to a registered apprenticeship program and will be able to obtain apprenticeship hours/competencies and high school credits at the same time.

How does it work?

Students select Co-op/OYAP as part of the regular course selection process. They will then be invited to a pre-placement interview to determine program readiness and placement choice. Co-op/OYAP credits are earned as the student is learning. Teachers are responsible for selecting students for the program and work with the placement supervisor.

Students participating in OYAP may have the opportunity to be formally registered as apprentices in the province of Ontario through the OYAP program.

For more information see Co-op, Guidance or visit www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Coop/Pages/Community-Based-Education-OYAP-General-Information.aspx

