





Guidance Department

Guidance Counsellors:

• Ms. Daniels (A-Gr)



Mr. Ward (Ng-Z)

Why you might need a Guidance Counsellor:

- Post-secondary pathways
- Choosing a program
- OSAP/Scholarships/Finances
- Social/emotional support

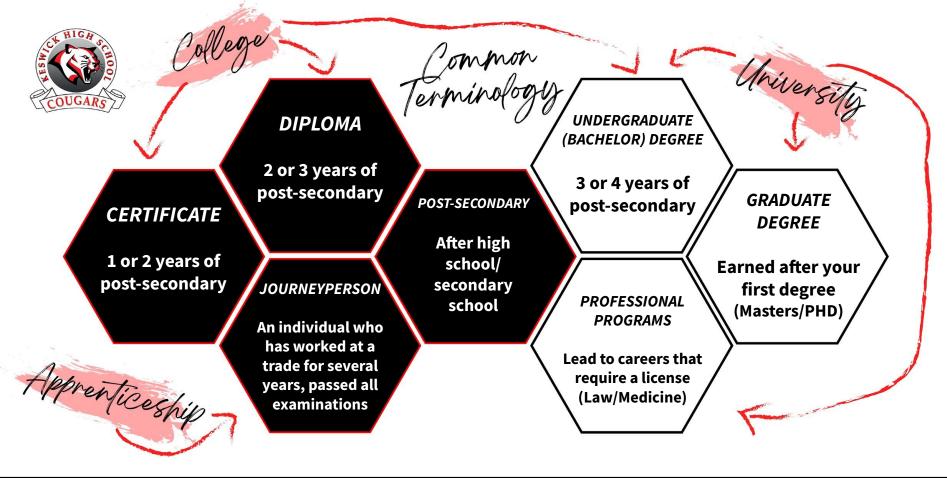
Booking a guidance appointment

- Log into your Teach Assist account. (https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb)
- Under the sub-heading, select "Appointment Bookings".
- Choose your counsellor (based on your last name).

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- Click on the day and time you want to have your appointment.
- If you need to cancel your appointment for any reason, click "Cancel".









University or College

COLLEGE

Chosen career path requires college certificate/diploma

Stepping stone to a university

Prefer a college degree to a university degree

Shorter & less expensive than university

Practical and concrete application of knowledge

UNIVERSITY

Chosen career path requires a degree specifically

Unsure of career path, a degree can open doors

Enjoy abstract concepts associated with theoretical learning

You are able to complete a majority of your work independently





College and University Admission Requirements

COLLEGE

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Most commonly required courses are Grade 12 English (ENG4C), Grade 12 Math (MAP4C) and Grade 11 or 12 Sciences (SBI3C, SCH4C)

Most college diploma programs require college (C) preparation courses to meet specific course admissions requirements

UNIVERSITY

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Acceptance is based on SIX 'U' or 'M' level courses, including ENG4U1 and prerequisite courses (Ex. Math or Science). Same if applying to a degree program at a college

Each university will calculate averages differently. Grade 11 'U' or 'M' courses are often considered for conditional offers, until a full set of Grade 12 'U' or 'M' marks are submitted





 Click on programs or on a university to browse programs





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Search for your ideal program and find out the information you need to apply, like prerequisites, grade requirements and more. Plus, compare your choices.



Get to know Ontario's universities and where they are located. Find out information about campus visits, residence costs and more!



Which application is right for me?

Answer a few statements to guide you to the proper undergraduate application.

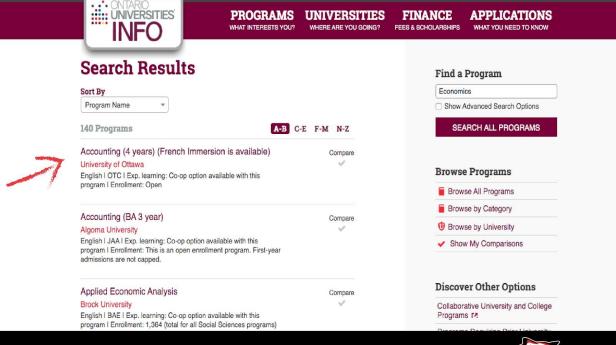






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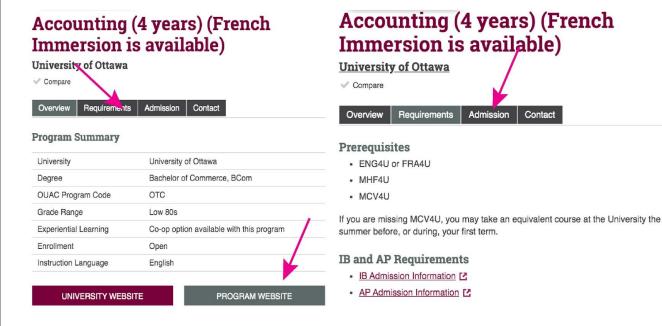






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By clicking on a program it will provide you with more specific information





Click on programs or colleges to browse programs

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Searching "Graphic Design' results in over 70 programs



Program information reflected below is related to Canadian applicants. International applicants should check the college website to confirm program availability, application requirements, and other information.



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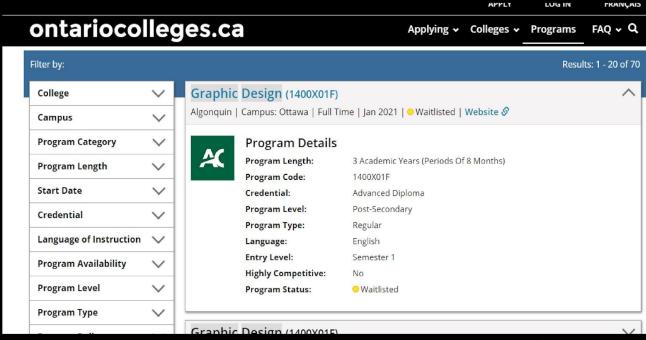


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Apprenticeships

- Proven hands-on training program for those who want to be licensed/certified in a skilled trade
- About 90% of training is provided in the workplace by employers
- Receive training while you earn an income
- Length of time required to complete an apprenticeship varies from trade to trade





Apprenticeship Requirements

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Legal permission to work in Canada (Valid Social Insurance Number)
- Meet the educational requirements for your chosen trade
 - May include Math (MAP4C/MTC4C), Science (SPH4C/SCH4C), Technology, creativity and artistic abilities (depending on trade of interest)
- Have a sponsor in Ontario
- Problem solving/ communication skills/ eye-hand coordination





Starting an Apprenticeship



Traditional Method

- Find an employer in the trade of choice that is a licensed Journeyperson
- Register/apply with the Ministry of Labour
- Complete hours for 'competencies', Ministry will alert for the in-school portion



Complete a Diploma program

- Ex. Electrical Engineering Tech
- 2 year program at college
- Then find an employer/sponsor



'Pre-' or 'Techniques' program at College

- Ex. pre-apprenticeship construction or 'Welding Techniques'
- Typically 1 year certificate to learn job skills
- Then find an employer in the traditional manner



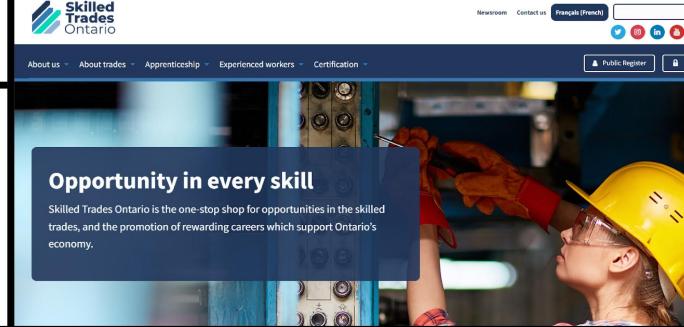
Apprenticeship/Co-op College program

- Help find apprenticeship program for you and do paid 'co-op' terms
- Graduate as a 2nd or 3rd year apprentice
- Ex. Wind Turbine Technician





Click on Apprenticeship







Create a My Ontario account, and then search the portal for opportunities

Welcome to the Skilled Trades Ontario Portal

The Skilled Trades Ontario Portal provides individuals with secure access to online services. As the Government of Ontario hosts the Skilled Trades Ontario Portal, creating a My Ontario Account is required to access services online. Additional online services are being released in phases, with the goal of building a one-window digital channel for all skilled trades and apprenticeship clients by 2025.

Services currently available online >

• New apprenticeship features have been added to the STO Portal. For assistance with submitting an apprenticeship application or viewing apprenticeship details in your account, please contact the Employment Ontario Contact Centre toll-free at 1-800-387-5656 (TTY: 1-866-533-6339).

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Apprenticeship

- New apprenticeship applicants
- · Registered Ontario apprentices
- Sponsors

Sign-in to existing portal account

Create new portal account

Certification

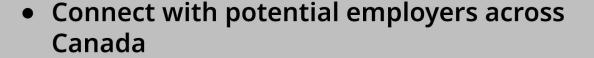
- Completed Ontario apprentices
- · Ontario-certified journeypersons
- · Recognized Canadian certificate holders
- · Current or former members of the Canadian Forces
- Experienced workers

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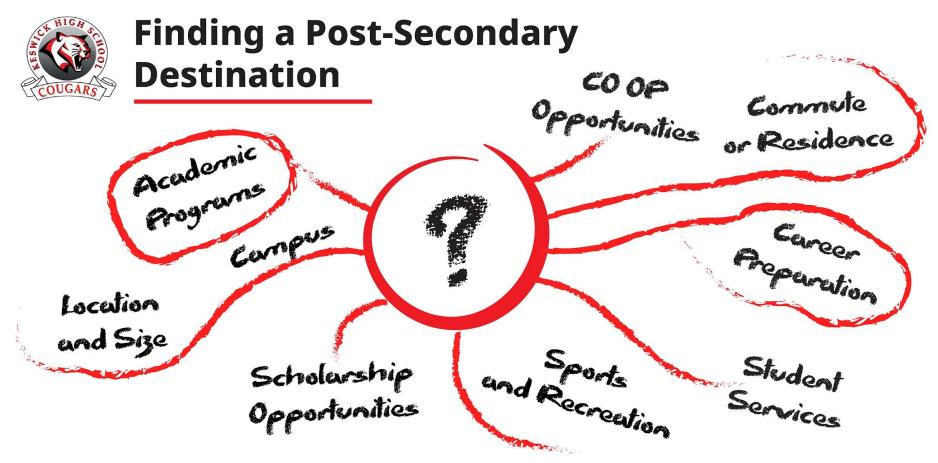


apprenticesearch.com



- Now it's your turn!
- Use the University/College/Apprenticeship planning sheets provided and visit some of the following post-secondary planning websites:
 - Ontario Universities Info
 - Ontario Colleges.ca
 - Skilled Trades Ontario
 - Apprentice Search
 - or explore the trade of your choice, through a union or workplace
- Find 2-3 programs and fill in the chart (school, location, pre-requisites, etc)









ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Do they offer what I want to study?

Do I have the prerequisite(s) for this program?

Do I want to continue with graduate studies?

CO-OP/CAREER PREP

Can I gain experience and get paid?

Are there internship opportunities?

Are there employment services for students?





LOCATION AND SIZE

Do I like larger cities or smaller cities?

Do I want to go to a large university with a large campus, an affiliate campus or a small campus?

VISIT THE CAMPUS

Strongly recommended

Visit the campus on Fall Break or during a open house

What is the feeling you have on campus?





COMMUTE OR RESIDENCE

Do I want to live at home?

How will I commute?

Do I want to live in residence?

Can I afford it?

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Am I able to play varsity sports?

Does the school/community offer recreation opportunities? (intramural sports, dance, yoga, etc.)

Will I be able to exercise? Are there facilities I can access?





STUDENT SERVICES

Am I able to access extra help? Ex. study skills workshops, success coaching

Academic or career advising

Is the school accessible? Ex. academic accommodations

The Key: Research

- Critical that you research everything
 - Talk to parents, friends, teachers, family friends but do not rely on this information only
 - Check the school/trade's website or call for accurate information
 - The only person responsible for your applications and future is YOU!





Applying to University or College

Ontario College (OCAS) - Submit your application by Feb. 1st

- Application fee is \$150.00 for five college program choices
- Limited to three program choices at any one college
- Application website: ontariocolleges.ca

Ontario University (OUAC) - Submit your application by Jan. 15th

- Application fee is \$156.00 for three university/program choices
- \$50.00 for each additional choice
- Limited to three program choices at any one university
- Application website: ouac.on.ca

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Supplemental Applications

- Some universities/colleges may require additional information to complete your application
 - Auditions
 - **Essays**
 - Interviews
 - Portfolios
 - Resumes/reference letters
- Read what is being asked of you carefully
- Optional? You should submit it
- Ask references well in advance if they can support you
- Create professional email
- Meet all deadlines

SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

Some universities/colleges may require may require you tocreate an account with their university during the application process

The university/college would then contact you through the account with important information - Ex. interview dates, audition dates, etc.

Carefully read what they are asking you!





Special Education Requirements

- Students will need to contact their post-secondary school's support centre
- Students will need their most up to date IEP and psychological report (check to see how current the psych assessment must be)
- Must create a transitional portfolio of important documents and keep the IEP their SERT gave them in October
- Possible disabilities grant offered through OSAP to cover technology or assistive equipment costs, as well as an updated psychological report if need





Financial Assistance



- OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)
 - Loan from the government based on financial need
 - Amount will depend on your family income
 - Repay once you graduate & interest begins six months later
 - Apart of your application to college or university
 - You will be given an estimate when you receive an offer of admission
- Discuss with your family now is the time!
- RESP Registered Education Savings Plan
- Aim to reduce your debt load while in school





Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants

Scholarships

Based on academic achievement, community involvement & extracurricular activities

Bursaries

 Based on academic achievement, community involvement & extracurricular activities along with <u>financial need</u>

Grants

- Financial need considerations
- Grants for tools and other equipment available to apprentices along with subsidies to employers who hire them





Out of Province Applications

Apply through individual universities/colleges

Some will access your grades through OUAC (Bishop's, UBC, Calgary, Concordia, Dalhousie, McGill, UNB, Simon Fraser, Victoria)

For out of country, apply directly to the university/college

Watch deadlines and requirements







Important Dates 2024–25

January 15

Deadline to complete your Ontario university application. You may still modify it after submission

May

February 7

Equal Consideration Date through OCAS. Apply prior to this date February 13

OUAC/OCAS receives 1st semester final grades April 24

OUAC/OCAS recieves 2nd semester mid-term grades

2024

November 15

OUAC/OCAS receives 1st semester mid-term grades November 27

Full disclosure of semester 1 grades

2025

College applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date May 6

Full disclosure of semester 2 grades

29

Latest date you can expect a response from an Ontaro university June 7

Earliest date colleges may begin to ask for tuition deposits

June 2

Earliest date a student may be required to respond to an offer from a university June **26**

Graduation ceremony

July 4

OUAC/OCAS receives all final 2nd semester grades





Post-Secondary Fair Dates

- Newmarket Post-Secondary Fair Sacred Heart Catholic High School
 - October 10th 6pm to 8pm
- OYAP Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Virtual Open House
 - October 15th 6:30pm-8:30pm VIRTUAL registration form can be found in the post on the Guidance and Student Success Google Classroom
- Ontario College Fair Enercare Centre
 - October 16th 5pm to 9pm, October 17th 9am to 2pm
- Georgina Post-Secondary Fair Keswick High School
 - O November 7th 6pm to 8pm





Parting Thoughts

- Take responsibility for your further education/training
- Create multiple plans (Plan A, B and C)
- Apply early! At least a week before any deadlines
- Arrive on time for interviews, auditions, and portfolio presentations
- Think finances and get organized
- Do your research!





Parting Thoughts

- Applying to Post-Secondary Workshop period 1, October 16th
- Pick from University, College and Apprenticeship/workplace
- Scan the QR code to register



