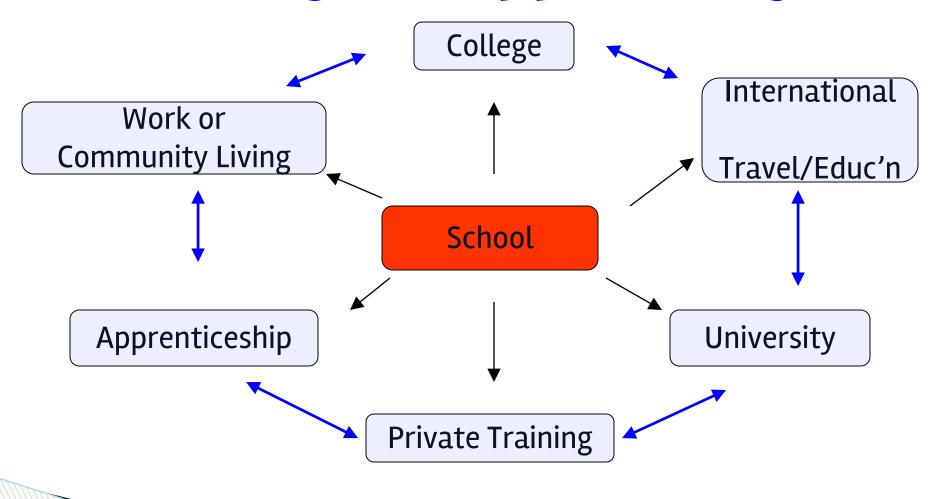


Pathways to Opportunity



Individual Pathway Plan (IPP)

What Are My Opportunities?

Source - www.careercruising.com

Investigate Education & Training options. Search For Colleges or Universities Schools and Programs or Apprenticeships Save your findings Reflect and confirm on My Progress to complete the IPP task.

Tips on how to choose a Pathway

- √ Strengths and Limitations?
- √ How you learn best?
- √ Academic interests?
- √ What you enjoy?



Workplace

Consider Co-op or other workplace experience.

Speak with a guidance counsellor.



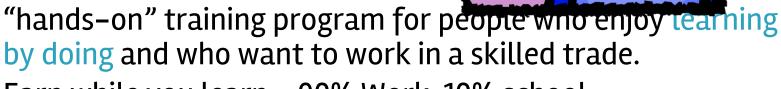
Travel or International Education

Speak to your Guidance Counsellor for resources about studying or travelling abroad.

Apprenticeship

Regulated Apprenticeship Trades in Ontario

- 1. Construction Sector
- 2. Industrial Sector
- 3. Motive Power Sector
- 4. Service Sector



Earn while you learn - 90% Work, 10% school

College

WHY might students choose the College pathway?

Want specific training, combining academic and applied learning and employment preparation in some of the following areas: **Arts, Education, Health Sciences**, **Technology, Trades, Business**

WHO is College for?

- Hands on learner
- Students who want targeted training in a specific field, and who would like to begin their career immediately after graduating.

College Credentials include:

Certificates (Under 2 years in length)
Two-year and advanced (three-year) diplomas
Bachelor degrees in applied areas of studies
Joint college-university programs
Apprenticeships
ESL and Literacy upgrading
Distance Education

College is a cost-effective option

- shorter program lengths
- lower tuition costs
- less time in school before you can start working

Diverse Program Choices

including 170 Degree Programs

Small classes

A low student-to-teacher ratio (Average size 30 students)

Connected Education

 Instructors connect course material to their work experiences and offer the potential of partnerships with business and industry to introduce real-world projects into the curriculum.

College - Diploma Programs

Based on all Grade 11 & 12 marks including program prerequisites.

Some programs prefer a higher grade at the College (C) instead of a mediocre grade at the University (U) level

Joint College/University Programs and Degree Programs at College

Require 6 "U" or "M" Courses including Prerequisites.

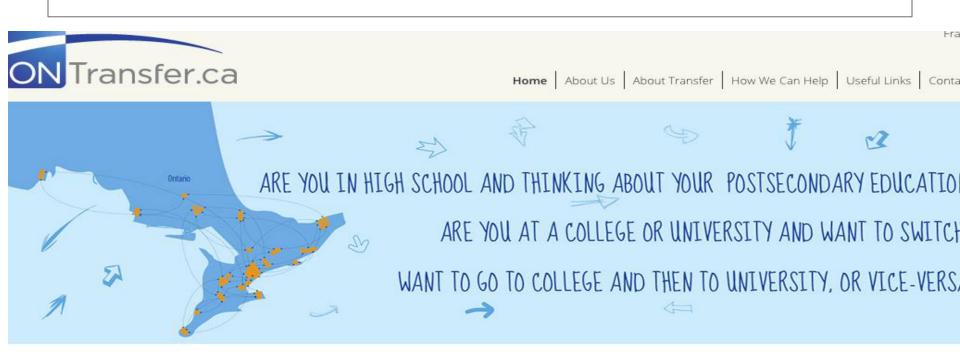
Students earn a university degree and a college diploma at the same time. For example:

• Joint degree and diploma from York University and Seneca college in *Creative Advertising and Communication Studies*

Collaborative programs offer the combination of hands-on learning that colleges are known for with the more theoretical approach of university studies.

For transfer agreement information visit the <u>Ontario Postsecondary</u> <u>Transfer Guide (ONTransfer.ca)</u>.

www.ontransfer.ca



Register / Log In to MyONTransfer



Where can I Transfer?

Search the Program Transfer Guide or the Course Transfer Guide to explore your opportunities.



I am a High School Student or Graduate.

You are planning your postsecondary education. Use our resources to search for pathways that meet your goals.

WIN A \$500 CASH PRIZE!

Complete our survey - tell us what you think of our website and be entered into a draw for one of five \$500 cash prizes!



How to Choose a College Program

What interests you? What are your strengths? Explore www.ontariocolleges.ca

Visit the open houses

Attend Ontario College Information Fair

•(Mon, Oct 17 and Tues, Oct 18 -Enercare Centre)

Attend Thornhill SS Post-Secondary Fair

•Thursday, Oct 27th 7-8:30pm

Talk with your parents, teachers and guidance counsellors

www.ontariocolleges.ca

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APPLYING ∨ COLLEGES ∨ PROGRAMS FAQ

GET INSPIRED!

ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA APP

LOG IN



How To Apply to College

Go to www.ontariocolleges.ca

Click **APPLY** and complete ALL required fields to create an account.

There is a non-refundable fee of \$95.00 CDN to apply to college through ontariocolleges.ca. Up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college)

* Check your email (inbox & junk) for a message from ontariocolleges.ca

College Applications: Important Dates

- October: Applications become available for programs starting the following fall.
- February 1: Equal Consideration Date
- February 1: Colleges may begin sending offers of admission.
- May 1: Deadline to confirm offers (colleges may extend offers after this date).
- . Mid-June: Tuition deposit payment due.

University

WHY might students choose the university pathway?

Specific career goals

Passion for academic learning

WHO is university for?

Enjoys abstract concepts and theoretical learning Average in 6 Grade 12 "U" or "M" courses (most often) including prerequisites

University – Types of Degrees

There are four basic types of Undergraduate University Degrees:

- 1. B.A. Bachelor of Arts
 - Eg. Humanities, English, Psychology and Sociology.
- 2. B.Sc. Bachelor of Science
 - Eg. Biology, Mathematics and Computer Science.
- 3. B.FA.- Bachelor of Fine Arts
 - Eg. Visual Arts, Music and Drama.
- 4. Professional Degrees
 - Eg. Bachelor of Commerce (Business), Bachelor of

Engineering

Choosing a University

Admission requirements, Standards & Cut-offs Residence & Housing Co-op Opportunities Scholarships & Financial Aid Student life

- Orientation Programmes
- Student Services & Counselling
- Learning Centres

Planning for a graduate degree

How to Choose a University Program?

Visit <u>eINFO</u>

Ontario University Fair

(Sept 23–25 Metro Convention Centre)

TSS Post-Secondary Fair

o(Thursday, Oct 27th 7-8:30pm)

University Open Houses

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www.electronicinfo.ca





Find a Program

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



Choose an Ontario University

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











Admission for University

6 Grade 12 "U" or "M" level courses; (most often) including prerequisites

Some programs have minimum averages

i.e. 70% in ENG4U or MHF4U

Repeated courses/out of day school courses may be treated differently (verify this with your University) Conditional offers will state averages that you must maintain

Meet English Language Requirements if residing in Canada for less than 3-4 years

University Application Procedures

www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/



News & Reminders

Mark your calendars for the Ontario Universities' Fair!

Come to the Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF), September 28 - 30, 2012, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building).

Apply to University...

Please select an application below. If you need help finding the right application, please see the help area.

Undergraduate Application

(OUAC 101) Current Ontario Secondary School Students

Learn More About OUAC 101



Sciences Programs

Professional Application

Ontario Rehabilitation

Learn More About ORPAS



Professional Application

Looking for Help?

Selecting an Application

Common Questions

Methods of Payment

Ontario Faculties of Education

Learn More About TEAS







(OUAC 105) All Other Undergraduate Applicants

Learn More About OUAC 105



Professional Application

Ontario Law Schools

Learn More About OLSAS



Professional Application

Ontario Medical Schools

Learn More About OMSAS







University Application Procedures

- <u>Late November</u>: Guidance will distribute your PIN numbers needed to apply.
- Keep your PIN number confidential
- Apply online at OUAC 101:
- Write down the PROGRAM CODE found on electronicinfo.ca
- Prepare your online Application & pay online
- Application deadline is January 11th, 2017

Important Final Step

- Print OUAC reference number (2016-xxx-xxx-x)
- Record your PIN and keep it in a safe place;
- Use your OUAC Reference Number and PIN to access the on-line "Review and Change Your Completed Application" system.

University Application Fees

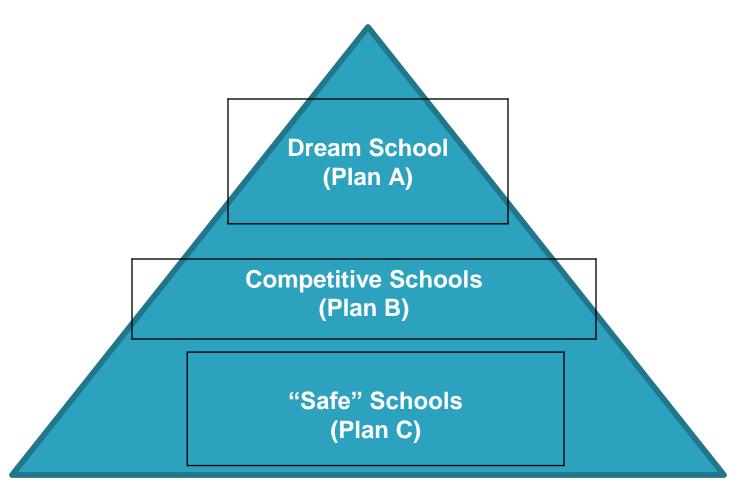
\$150 for 3 program choices

For each university/program choice beyond the initial three
 \$50 for each program choice

Pay online by credit card (VISA, Mastercard or American Express) or Telephone Bill Payment Services

All fees are non-refundable

Pyramid Approach to University Applications



Auditions/Interviews/ Portfolios and Supplementary Applications

Meet the deadlines and respond quickly to book auditions/appointments

Provide references or proofreaders enough time to support you

Make a professional email

Official transcripts- order them from the TSS Guidance department you must provide at least <u>2 days</u> notice

Out of Province

After you have applied to Ontario Universities through OUAC, start the application process for out-of-province universities

Complete individual applications for each university. Pay close attention to:

- Application fees and deadlines
- Supplementary Admission requirements (i.e. personal essay)

Verify which of these universities can obtain your high school marks through OUAC (they will ask for your OUAC reference # on your application)

U.S. Colleges

Make an appointment with your alpha counsellor to discuss information and logistics of applying to U.S. colleges

Register and write SATs (if you haven't done so already)

Students interested in applying for early decision must see your alpha counsellor ASAP

Additional Questions:

I might take a year off after secondary school (a gap year). Can I defer my acceptance to the following year?

Policies about deferrals vary. Contact the school directly to find out their policy

Will I be considered for Early Admissions?

Universities will review grade 11 marks and sometimes decide to offer an early admission. Otherwise, schools will wait to see your grade 12 marks.

Queens University offers early admission if you complete your PSE and supplementary essay – please check out their website for more info.

What if I have an "IEP" and I am applying to University or College?

Same admission requirements as everyone else!

After you have been accepted, YOU will have to contact the school's "Student Support Services Dept." to arrange supports and accommodations (TSS can not do this for you)

Make sure your psychological assessment has been updated within 3-5 years

There will be an information session on TBD for students applying to post-secondary with an IEP

ELL/ESL and Newcomers to Canada

If you have been attending school in **Canada or in an English speaking country for less than 3 full years**, you will likely have to complete and English proficiency test. Eg. TOEFL or IELTS

Check with the individual schools and testing bodies for requirements and deadlines

Financial Matters

Talk with your family.

Entrance Scholarships - grades count!!

Other scholarships eg. Community, business

Bursaries

RESP - Registered Educational Savings Plan

OSAP – Ontario Student Assistance Program (Presentation in May)

Part-time and summer jobs

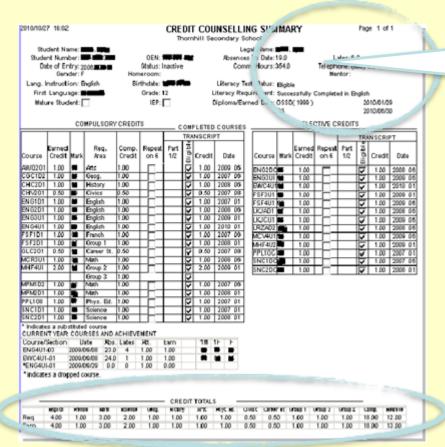
Aim to reduce your debt load while in school!!

Private School Credits

Private schools must post marks directly onto OUAC

Private schools <u>send</u> final transcripts to T.S.S. to be entered onto T.S.S. transcripts for graduation.

Review your Credit Counselling Summary



You need 40 Community Hours

Have you successfully completed the Literacy Requirement (OSSLT)?

CREDIT TOTALS

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	English	French	Math	Science	Geog.	History	Arts	Phys.Ed	Civics	Careers	Group1	Group2	Croup3	Comp	Elective
Req	4.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	1.0	1.0	1.0	18.0	12.00
Earn	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.0	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	8.00	0.00

Credit Totals

Req: Required number of courses by area

Earn: Credits attained to date, divided by requirement area Total number of compulsory & elective credits earned to date

Final Thoughts

Assume Responsibility for your future!

Create realistic multiple plans (Plan A, B & C)

Apply by winter break!!

Remember deadlines for auditions, interviews or portfolios

Visit and Tour

Keep working hard at your studies

Pay attention to Graduation Requirements

Review today's handouts

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
Ontario University Fair	September 23th – 25th 10am-5pm	Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Ontario College Information Fair	Monday, October 17 5:00-9:00pm Tuesday, October 18 10:00am-3:00pm	Enercare Centre - Hall B - Exhibition Place
Thornhill Post Secondary Fair	Thursday October 27th 7pm-8:30 pm	Thornhill SS

Find this presentation on

www.thornhill.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Come and visit us in Guidance soon!

Ms. Chihata (secretary)

Ms Schuur: A-I Ms. Lee-Moore: J-NA

Ms. Fremont: NE-Z