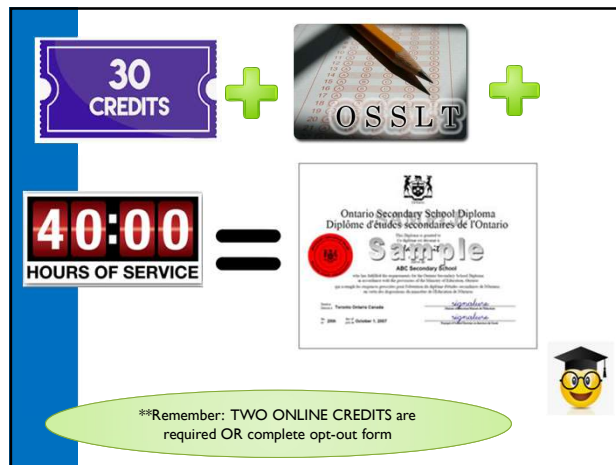




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Preparing to make your pathway decision: a destination that suits you!

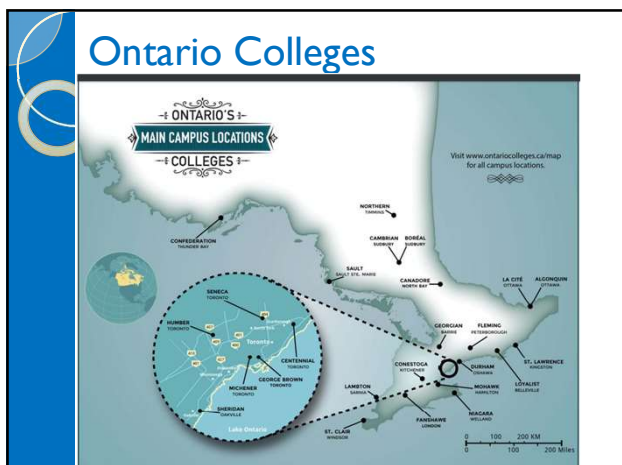
- 1) Consider your interests, strengths, and learning styles.
- 2) Remember that many pathways can lead to the same destination.
- 3) Do some research:
 - a) Attend University/College Presentations at your school.
 - b) Check out Open Houses and Campus Tours (online or road trip!)
 - c) Attend the University/College Events and Fairs.
 - d) Talk to your teachers, family and employers for advice!
- 4) Think of financial plans for your education.

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Post-Secondary Application Checklist

- ✓ Research your Post-Secondary options & prerequisites
 - Certificates, diplomas, degrees, professional programs
 - College info <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>
 - University info <https://www.ouinfo.ca/>
- ✓ Are there additional criteria for your program? What are the deadlines?
 - Auditions, portfolios, supplementary statements of experience, tests
- ✓ Check out publications, websites, information sessions, Open Houses/Campus Tours
- ✓ Start financial planning: scholarships, bursaries, OSAP, RESP, work
- ✓ Get a valid email account
- ✓ Know your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- ✓ Look at application tutorials online
- ✓ Record your login information in a safe space
- ✓ Have a VISA, VISA Debit or Mastercard to pay online
- ✓ After applying, GET ORGANIZED
 - print or copy your application reference number, usernames and passwords
 - Set up folders to store emails from each school

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The College Experience

Colleges tend to be more directly career-oriented than universities. This means they offer practical or hands-on training. <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/why-college>

OCAS: College Programs

- 1) **Certificate Programs** – 1 year program (2 semesters)
- 2) **Diploma Programs** – 2 year program (4 semesters) minimum; advanced diploma granted after 3 year program (6 semesters)
- 3) **Applied Degree Programs** – 4 year applied academic program (practical experience + theory)
- 4) **Joint Degree Programs** – practical experience at college and theoretical knowledge of university

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Yes, there are Bachelor's programs at colleges.

For example, here are some at Algonquin College:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Automation and Robotics)
- Bachelor of Science (Building Science)
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Culinary Arts and Food Science
- Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development
- Bachelor of Event, Sport, and Entertainment Management
- Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Interior Design
- Bachelor of Public Safety
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Technology


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College Application Fees

It is **\$125** to apply to college. You can choose five (5) programs in total, but a maximum of three (3) from any particular college.

[Here's a helpful video on how to apply to college in Ontario.](#)

Get the ontariocolleges.ca app today!



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Important Dates for College Applications


- Applications open in early October
- apply by **February 1st** for equal consideration, especially for competitive programs.
- **Earliest release of offers will be November 1st.**

We will gladly help with individual applications, but they can also be done from home.

- By May 1st -- Must confirm acceptance of offer (most colleges).
- June -- Payment of tuition deposit will be required to secure your spot (varies by college).

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Ontario Universities



ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES INFO
 Your source for up-to-date Ontario university information - all in 1 place!
ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

INFO UNIVERSITÉS de l'ONTARIO
 Votre source de renseignements à jour sur les universités de l'Ontario - le tout en 1 seul endroit!

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The University Experience

OUAC Ontario Universities' Application Centre

Universities grant degrees. All universities have undergraduate (Bachelor's) degrees, and many have graduate (Master's and Doctoral) programs. Universities in Ontario are independent. Although they receive funding from the government, each institution is self-governing and regulates its own programs, admissions and faculty.

OUAC: University Program Choices:


- 1) General Bachelor's Degree - 3 years
- 2) Honours Bachelor's Degree - 4 years
- 3) Joint or Collaborative Degrees - take courses partially at College and partially at University
- 4) Professional Degrees - Medicine, Law, Education
- 5) Advanced Degrees - Masters, PhD

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Ontario university requirements

- You need six Grade 12 U/M credits including:
- ENG 4U (almost always)
- Plus 5 other M or U courses.
- You **MUST** be sure you have the prerequisites for the program you are choosing. If you haven't started already, get going on research.

<https://www.ouinfo.ca/>



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University Applications

OUAC Ontario Universities' Application Centre

Ready to Apply?
Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario universities.

<http://www.ouac.on.ca>
Applications open in late September – OPEN NOW!!!

Helpful "how to apply" videos: <https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/>

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University Application Fees

OUAC Ontario Universities' Application Centre

It costs **\$156** to apply to Ontario universities through OUAC (3 choices for the initial fee).

It costs \$50 for each additional program and for some changes.

Maximum of 3 choices at any one university.

*It's good to be aware of which universities extend alternative offers.

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Important Dates for University Applications:

- January 15th** – university application deadline!!
 - Applications still get processed after this, but specific university deadlines take effect.
- May 29th** – latest date to expect a response from a university (for those who applied prior to Jan. 15th)
- June 2nd** – earliest date universities may request a response to the offer and a financial commitment.
- July 7th** – final grades sent from our Board to OUAC.

Note: Out-of-province institutions have different deadlines. Refer to their websites for the most current information and application procedures.

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A few notes:

Nursing...

There are options to become a registered nurse at university and degree options through colleges as well.

Ontario Learn and Stay Grant

Provides funding for students studying in priority postsecondary programs in underserved and growing communities Ontario.

E.g. Practical Nursing, B. Science in Nursing, Paramedic

https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-learn-and-stay-grant?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwvurS3BhCGARlsADdUH53XMf5DBOY00UczhkFKi26UA5u_Ze70UUr9sCON8tg-nQtAMjzEPI28aAIDuEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds

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College & University Rep Visits to CPHS – Fall 2024

- Remember to sign up in advance. Email Ms. Shaw or stop by the Guidance Office.

Date	Time	Day	School
Monday, Sept 16	9:05	4	University of Toronto
Tuesday, Sept 17	9:05	5,2	Humber College
Thursday, Sept 19	9:05	2	Lakehead University (Thunder Bay)
Thursday, Sept 26	9:05	2	Bishop's University (Quebec)
Thursday, Sept 26	12:05	2	Queen's University
Friday, Sept 27	9:05	3	University of New Brunswick
Tues, Oct 1	9:05	5,4	Carleton University
Wednesday, Oct 2	9:05	1	Toronto Metropolitan University
Wednesday, Oct 2	1:10	1	Acadia University (Nova Scotia)
Wednesday, Oct 9	9:05	1	McMaster University
Wednesday, Oct 9	12:05	1	Loyalist College (Toronto)
Friday, Oct 11	10:15	3	AARAO tour 17 schools (East Coast)
Monday, Oct 14			Thanksgiving
Tues, Oct 15	10:15	4	St. Lawrence College (Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall)
Wednesday, Oct 16	9:05	5,2	University of Ottawa
Monday, Oct 21	1:10	3	Conestoga College (Richmond-Waterloo)
Wednesday, Oct 23	9:05	5,3	University of Waterloo
Thursday, Oct 24	9:05	1	Nipissing University (North Bay)
Friday, Oct 25			PA Day
Friday, Nov 1	1:10	1	Algonquin College
Friday, Nov 8	9:05	1	Canadore College (North Bay)
Wednesday, Nov 13	9:05	4	Western University (London)
Thursday, Nov 14	10:15	5,2	University of Guelph
Friday, Nov 15	1:05	1	Brook University (St. Catharines)
Wednesday, Nov 20	9:05	4	University of Guelph-Humber (Toronto)
Monday, Nov 25	12:05	1	Fleming College (Peterborough)
Tuesday, Nov 26	9:05	2	Trent University (Peterborough/Durham)
Monday, Dec 9	10:15	1	St. FX (Nova Scotia)

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ASK THE REPRESENTATIVES QUESTIONS!

- What are your most competitive programs?
- Which programs are undersubscribed?
- Do you do alternative offers?
- Can I defer my offer?
- What are the deadlines for applications, scholarships, and residence?
- Do you have automatic entrance awards? What are the averages required?
- Is residence guaranteed for first-years? Is there much off-campus housing?
- What meal plans are available? What about special dietary needs?
- Can you talk about sports (recreational and/or varsity) and extra-curriculars?
- Do you have a study abroad program?
- Do you offer co-op/work placements and are they paid positions?
- Are there remote/online learning opportunities?
- When is your Open House?
- What supports are in place for students who need help with academics?

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[College and University FAIRS 2024](#)

Ontario Universities Fair

- [OUF | Ontario Universities' Events \(ouevents.ca\)](#)
- One of the Largest Educational Fairs in North America
- October 5-6- 9:30 am to 5 pm, daily
- Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

Ontario Universities Regional Fairs - Ottawa and Eastern Regions: September 23-26

- [Regional Fairs | Ontario Universities' Events \(ouevents.ca\)](#)
- Note there are more, but I have included the two closest to us only
- Kanata: September 24, 6 pm
- Smiths Falls: September 24, noon

Ontario Universities Information Sessions

- [Information Sessions | Ontario Universities' Events \(ouevents.ca\)](#)
- If you can't make it in person, this is a Virtual Option for University Presentations and Q&A Sessions
- Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, November 21 – 5pm -7pm

Ontario College Fair (OCF)

- <https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>
- This is the largest stop on the College Information Program (CIP) Tour
- October 16 5pm -9pm and October 17 9am-2pm
- Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto

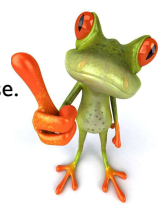
College Information Program (CIP)

- <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/news/cip/cip-schedule>
- Note there are more, but I have included the one closest to us only
- Monday October 21, 5:30-7:30pm
- Algonquin College


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You need to talk to your Guidance team if...

- You are enrolled in an online course. Make sure you see it listed in your application.
- You will be applying to universities outside Ontario. (It's helpful to do the ON one first.)
- You plan to do your application at home (college or university).




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Financing Your Education

- Scholarships
- Family contributions and savings – student is expected to contribute \$3600 minimum
- Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)
- Government Financial Aid
 - Ontario Student Assistance Programs (OSAP)
 - grants and/or loans
- Work-Study Programs
- Co-op opportunity? (paid possibility)
- Student bank loan/Line of credit
- Financial Aid/Awards through colleges and universities



<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-apply-osap>

- Set up your account early! It's easier than ever.

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Applying for Financial Awards/Scholarships? Consider...

- Community, provincial & national awards
- College & university awards
 - (Some are automatic/grades-based, but many require detailed applications.)
- Scholarships through your workplace (or your parents')
- Awards from service organizations

Note: Ask for reference letters early!

Do your research, and please read the emails that we send you.


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Websites to check out:

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<https://studentawards.com/>

<https://yconic.com/>



Don't forget to apply for C.P.H.S. Commencement Awards (next spring!)


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Apprenticeships, the Armed Forces, or a Gap Year?

It's a great time to consider a future in **the trades**.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship>


<https://www.apprenticesearch.com/trades>



Or maybe serving in **the Canadian Armed Forces** is calling you:

<https://forces.ca/en/careers>

<https://forces.ca/en/life-in-the-military/>



Or perhaps you'd benefit from a **gap year**? If so, you should have a goal/plan in mind:

- Travel
- Work at your regular job or try something else in a different field
- Volunteer
- Pursue a passion project (e.g. learn a new language, start a blog, improve personal fitness)

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What's Next?

- Visit schools
 - or start with www.campustour.ca
- Investigate programs
 - Don't forget about your myblueprint.ca/ucdsb account
- Research scholarships
- Decide what is best **for you**
- Use your head **and** your heart
- Ensure a strong finish to high school (and complete all OSSD requirements)



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Any Questions??

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Thank you!

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