



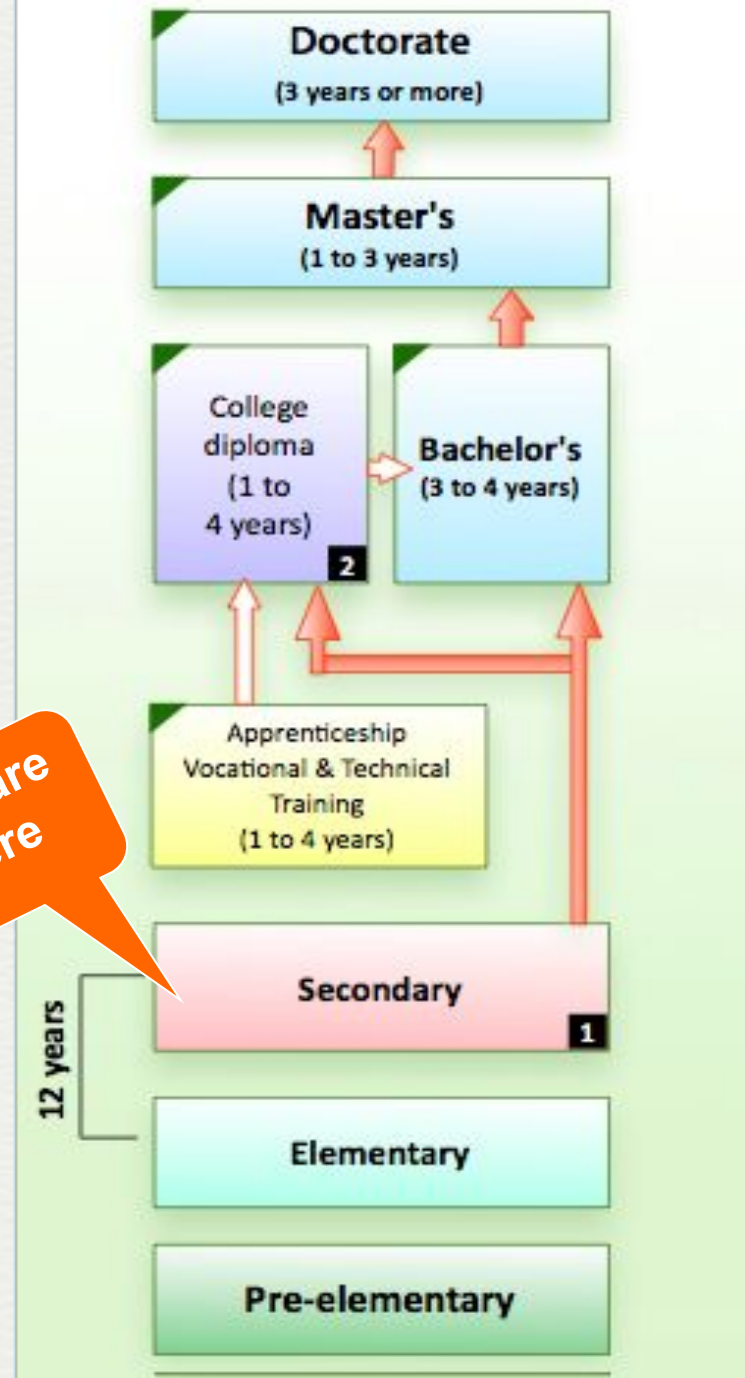
**CW CLASS OF  
2025/26  
POST-SECONDARY  
PRESENTATION**



# Post-Secondary Options:

- College
- University
- Apprenticeship
- World of Work
- Gap Year

You are here



# APPLYING COLLEGES

- Still deciding on a program at an Ontario College....?
- start your search here:

<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/FindProgram>



ontariocolleges.ca  
has an app!

- You can always re-visit Xello and complete the self assessments you did in Grade 10!
- Visit campuses if you can!

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- 30 credits
- 40 community service hours
- Pass Literacy Test
- Meet program specific prerequisites
- Meet the competitive average for limited enrolment programs and degree programs
- Complete two online courses ([Opt-Out form](#))

**Apply online at [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) and pay the \$150 Application Processing Fee - you can apply to a maximum of 5 programs but no more than 3 at any college**

# College – IMPORTANT DATES

- Early October 2025: Online Application Opens
- Feb. 1, 2026: EQUAL CONSIDERATION DATE ~ Applications to Highly Competitive Programs must be rec'd by Feb. 1 in order to be considered. Many other programs will continue to accept applications after this date and continue to offer seats.
- May 1, 2026: Deadline to confirm an offer, *for most programs.*

# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

- Still deciding on a program at an Ontario University....?
  - Speak with your Guidance Counsellor
  - Speak with your parents/other family members
  - Attend recruitment info sessions
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- Find and compare programs, prerequisites, and admission requirements for Ontario's universities.
  - Get information about residences and meal plans, scholarships, and upcoming campus tours.
  - The [Ontario Universities Info](#) website is the only resource that is updated directly by the Ontario universities.



# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

- 30 credits
- 40 community service hours
- Pass Literacy Test
- Have six 4U / 4M level courses, which...
- Complete two online courses ([Opt-Out form](#))
- ...meet program specific pre-requisites and cut-off marks

**Starting mid to late September you can apply online at [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca) and pay the \$156 Application Fee - pertains to a total of 3 programs; each additional program will cost \$50**

**\* NOTE - there are now fees for making changes to your application once submitted \***

# University – IMPORTANT DATES

- Students can begin their online application now
  - What you need: name, DOB, email address
  - You might also need: your OEN and school mident # (906514)
- **January 15th, 2026: DEADLINE** for applications to be submitted to OUAC. (At this date, OUAC and universities will have only received final grades from previously completed Grade 11 & 12 courses, and a list of all current-year courses in progress; *a small round of offers are made to students at this time.*) Applications received after this date will still be processed, but specific university deadlines may apply.
- ensure you MEET DEADLINES for any additional info to be sent directly to universities (portfolios, statements of experience, etc.)



# University – IMPORTANT DATES cont'd

- **October 9th, 2025** - Virtual post-secondary presentation conducted by OCDSB from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
  - No registration required
  - Join the presentation by using the [participation link](#)
- **February 12th, 2026** - Deadline for OUAC to receive midterm grades for 4U/M courses for semester 1
- **Feb.14th, 2026** - Semester 1 final marks uploaded to OUAC
- **April 25th, 2026** - All midterm 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades sent to OUAC, then on to the Universities

# Important Dates con't

- **May 28th, 2026** - the latest date applicants who submitted their application by the January deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university
- **June 1st, 2026** - The earliest date you may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.)
- **August 3-31, 2026** - OUAC collects summer school grades from Ontario high schools and school boards

# Applying Out-of-Province

- Apply through that college/university's website starting in September/October
- OUAC/OntarioColleges.ca Reference Number sometimes used to collect your marks electronically
- For all other colleges/universities you will need to send them:
  - High School Transcript
  - List of your current high school courses in progress and planned

# You Can Switch

**ONTransfer:**

[www.ontransfer.ca](http://www.ontransfer.ca)



- Look for education pathways from high school into post-secondary education
- Learn how to transfer from one college/university into another

# Myth vs Fact

## Myth:

You need to complete your community involvement hours and literacy requirement before your application will be considered.

## Fact:

These are not considered by colleges/universities. You need to complete your community involvement hours and literacy requirement in order to earn your high school diploma. You need to earn your high school diploma in June as a condition of any offer of admission.

# Myth vs Fact

## Myth:

You need to complete your program's prerequisite courses before you can begin applying.

## Fact:

Everyone can begin applying in October of their graduating year. You need to complete your program's prerequisite courses, and earn your high school diploma, by the end of June of your graduating year.



# Myth vs Fact

## Myth:

Colleges/universities count it against students for taking courses in summer school, night school, and online.

## Fact:

Colleges/universities cannot discriminate between the format of a course. They are looking for confidence and consistency in your high school achievement. Some highly competitive programs at some highly competitive schools may look for outliers in academic performance if a course is taken outside your normal school board (for example, an unusually higher mark in a course taken privately).

# How Can I \$\$ PAY \$\$ for school?

## ➤ Family

- Loans
- Savings
- RESPs

## ➤ Bursaries

- Awarded based on financial need. Once accepted, you can apply for a bursary to help with such things as text book purchases, living expenses, etc.

## ➤ Scholarships \*\*

- Scholartree.ca / Yconic.com
- [Scholarshipscanada.com](http://Scholarshipscanada.com)
- simply meet mark-ranges for University entrance scholarships
- Loran Scholarship is already open

## ➤ Loans

- Private loans from banks
- [OSAP](#) – both loans and grants are built into this program.

# WORLD OF WORK:

Connect with a local employment resource center such as [Employment Ontario](#)

## SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Résumé development**
- **Career interest assessments**
- **Job search assistance and interview preparation**
- **One-on-one Employment Counselling**
- **Job placement with incentives**
- **Job fairs**



# APPRENTICESHIP

- Consider a Co-op and possible OYAP in your final semester of high school to explore a trade.



- Visit <https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>
- Visit [skillsontario.com](https://skillsontario.com)

# What If I Don't Get Accepted?

- Do your research right and have a plan A, B, and C.
- Have a reach goal, a solid goal, and a backup plan.
- Apply to programs that you have a reasonable chance of getting accepted into.
- Find out if your college/university has automatic alternate offers of admission.
  - This will help you find a similar program at the universities you applied to

# What If I Don't Get Accepted?

“I did not get accepted into the programs I applied for.  
What do I do?”

**ontariocolleges.ca**

APPLY TODAY. CHANGE TOMORROW.

Starting in the spring, use the **Find a Program tool** on the OntarioColleges.ca website to search for college diploma programs that are still open/available.



Ontario Universities'  
Application Centre

Starting in June, use the **Admission Information Service** by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre to search for undergraduate degree programs at colleges/universities that still have availability.



# GAP YEAR opportunities

- There are many opportunities – local, national and even international – available to youth who wish to take a GAP year before starting a post-secondary program.
- Such opportunities can foster greater understanding of the world around you and provide an opportunity for both personal growth and leadership & skills development
  - e.g., travel, work, volunteer, visit campuses, military

# GAP YEAR opportunities

- here is a small sampling of what we found in an online search. You can easily search for more on your own:

GAP YEAR opportunities

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# Where Do I Go From Here?


- Meet with your Guidance Counsellor - Make an Appointment Online
- Attend Open Houses
- GRADS GOOGLE CLASSROOM - check it!!
- Check your Graduation Summaries
  - enough credits?
  - correct courses?
  - enough volunteer hours?
  - Literacy requirement?
  - two online courses?

# Where Do I Go From Here?

- Oct. 1st, 2025 - Atlantic University Fair
  - In the Cafe starting at 3:10pm
- Nov. 6th, 2025 - “Parent Info Evening” (5pm to 7pm)
  - come with your parents to meet with Algonquin, UOttawa, Carleton U., St. Paul U., La Cite, St. Lawrence College, Heritage College CEGEP from Gatineau, and Discover Year (GAP program), and the Canadian Armed Forces
- September to November 2025
  - Ontario’s universities host a collection of in-person and virtual [OUEvents](#) during the Fall. These are free and anyone may attend

# Follow Us online

The [CW Student Services website](#) will help you keep up to date on College and University visits, volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and Open House dates. Lots of information is posted on the grads google classroom, so check there daily.

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