

## Apprenticeship

## College

## University

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<b>Research</b>	<p><b>Careers in the Trades:</b>  <a href="http://www.careersintrades.ca">www.careersintrades.ca</a>, <a href="http://www.apprenticesearch.com">www.apprenticesearch.com</a>,  <a href="https://www.collegeoftrades.ca/trades-in-ontario">https://www.collegeoftrades.ca/trades-in-ontario</a>,  <a href="http://www.skillsontario.com/pathways-to-apprenticeship">http://www.skillsontario.com/pathways-to-apprenticeship</a>,  <a href="https://www.webuildadream.com/wrdsb">https://www.webuildadream.com/wrdsb</a>,  <a href="https://edgefactor.com">https://edgefactor.com</a>, <a href="https://www.supportontarioyouth.ca/">https://www.supportontarioyouth.ca/</a></p> <p><b>OCAS:</b> <a href="http://www.ontariocolleges.ca">www.ontariocolleges.ca</a></p>	<p><b>OCAS:</b> <a href="http://www.ontariocolleges.ca">www.ontariocolleges.ca</a>  Attend college information sessions in the Fall (refer to Google Classroom for schedule); possibly having a bus trip in the Fall to Conestoga</p>	<p><b>University Info:</b> <a href="http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/">http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend University information sessions (refer to Google Classroom for schedule)</li> <li><b>OUAC—Ontario University Application Centre</b> <a href="http://www.ouac.on.ca">www.ouac.on.ca</a></li> <li><b>Canadian Universities:</b> <a href="http://www.universitystudy.ca">www.universitystudy.ca</a>, <a href="https://schoolfinder.com">https://schoolfinder.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>Programs Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apprenticeship Training Programs: (2 - 5 years)</li> <li>For <b>OYAP &amp; Dual Credits</b>: Talk to Guidance Counsellor &amp; check out the websites:</li> <li>OYAP: <a href="https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/oyap_home/">https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/oyap_home/</a></li> <li>DUAL CREDIT: <a href="https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/dual_credit/">https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/dual_credit/</a></li> <li><b>After high school</b>: Must find an employer &amp; become registered as an apprentice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate Program - 12 weeks to 1 year</li> <li>Foundation Program – 1 year</li> <li>Diploma Program - 2 or 3+ years</li> <li>Degree Program - 4 years (need 6 grade 12 4U/M credits) OR apply after a 2 year Diploma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergraduate Degree: 4 years (Honours Degree)</li> <li>3 years (General Degree)</li> <li>Degrees may be in Arts, Science, Business, Engineering, etc.</li> <li>May choose a major - usually done at the end of 1st year</li> <li>Applying to UW or UofT for engineering or math - no repeats</li> </ul>
<b>How to Apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For <b>OYAP/DUAL CREDIT</b>: Talk to your Guidance Counsellor</li> <li><a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario">https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario</a></li> <li>Multiple entry times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario College Application Service (<a href="http://www.ontariocolleges.ca">www.ontariocolleges.ca</a>)</li> <li><b>\$110 for 5 choices</b> with application</li> <li>Maximum of 3 at any one college; no more than 5 choices</li> <li>List in order of preference</li> <li>No PIN required from Guidance</li> <li><b>NOTE – IF APPLYING TO DEGREE PROGRAM AT COLLEGE, SOME PROGRAMS HAVE YOU APPLY THROUGH ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA, OTHERS ARE THROUGH OUAC</b></li> </ul>	<p>Ontario University Application Centre (<a href="http://www.ouac.ca">www.ouac.ca</a>); No PIN is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$156 for 3 choices + \$50 for each additional selection</b></li> <li>Maximum of 3 programs at any one university</li> <li>An AIF (Additional Information Form) may be required</li> <li>Universities contact via email; <b>CHECK EMAIL REGULARLY</b></li> <li><b>NOTE – IF APPLYING TO DEGREE PROGRAM AT COLLEGE, MAY APPLY THROUGH EITHER OUAC OR ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA</b></li> </ul>
<b>What do you need?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May enter Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) while in Grade 11 and 12; see Guidance Counsellor <b>OR</b></li> <li>Complete High School Diploma (OSSD) and find an employer who will take you on as an apprentice (If you need help finding a sponsor, contact: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario">https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario</a>) <b>OR</b></li> <li>Attend a college program that <b>may</b> lead to an apprenticeship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSSD + specific courses depending on program</li> <li><b>Many programs only require ENG4CI/ENG4UI and acceptance is based entirely on the mark you earn</b></li> <li>College and/or University credits can be used</li> <li>Certificate, Diploma and Degree Programs offered</li> <li>Academic upgrading</li> <li><b>Check specific program requirements</b></li> <li>Early conditional offers will be based upon Grade 11 marks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSSD (must have ENG4U) – ensure you have met ALL requirements (40 community service hours, OSSLT, etc.)</li> <li><b>6 grade 4U or 4M-level courses (including prerequisites)</b></li> <li><b>Check specific program requirements - many have additional information forms to submit</b></li> <li><b>Prerequisites usually included in average</b></li> <li>Early conditional offers will be based upon Grade 11 marks and/or completed Grade 12 marks</li> <li>Marks submitted <b>Sem 1 Midterm; Sem 1 Final; Sem 2 Midterm</b></li> <li>Submit <b>Sem 2 Final marks</b> - ensure you meet offer conditions</li> </ul>
<b>Costs to Attend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs vary</li> <li>Get paid while you train; hourly wage increases each year of training program; tuition costs for in-school technical training about \$400 per session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check individual Colleges' sites for residence prices</li> <li><b>Yearly</b> tuition fees from \$2,000 to \$7,000 depending on the program</li> <li>Bachelor programs: approximately \$8,000 per year + books and supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check individual university calendars or websites for residence and meal plan prices</li> <li>Tuition fees + other university fees = \$6,000 → \$25,000</li> <li>Books = approximately \$2,000+</li> <li>Residence = \$5,000 → \$8,000+</li> <li>Meal plan = \$3,000 → \$4,000+</li> </ul>
<b>Timelines, Application Process &amp; Cost</b>	<p><b>Becoming an Apprenticeship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have an employer who is willing to take you on as an apprentice</li> <li>Apply online through the Ontario Government website <a href="http://www.ontario.ca">www.ontario.ca</a></li> <li>Once approved, apply to the Ontario College of Trades</li> <li>Apply for apprenticeship courses at local college</li> <li>Make arrangements with your employment for work and school</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to online college application (<a href="http://www.ontariocolleges.ca">www.ontariocolleges.ca</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>February 1, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Applications received and paid for on or before this date will be given EQUAL CONSIDERATION</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Don't wait, apply early!</b></p> <p><b>May 1, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission</li> </ul> <p><b>June 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees</li> </ul> <p><b>Cost to Apply:</b> \$110 for 5 program choices (limited to 3 at one college)</p>	<p><b>September 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to OUAC (<a href="http://www.ouac.ca">www.ouac.ca</a>) to begin application</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, January 15, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>DEADLINE for Ontario secondary school students to submit completed applications to the OUAC</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Don't wait, apply early!</b></p> <p><b>May 29, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The latest date by which all high school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university</li> </ul> <p><b>June 3, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earliest date Ontario universities may require response to an offer of admission &amp; financial commitment</li> </ul> <p><b>Cost to Apply:</b> \$156 for 3 program choices plus \$50 for each addition</p>

## Canadian Armed Forces

- For all information visit [www.forces.gc.ca](http://www.forces.gc.ca) or call recruiting at 905-521-0928 (Hamilton is the nearest recruiting centre)

## Out of Province

- Check out websites; may have to write individual university/college to request information and application
- Application fees & deadlines for application will vary
- Must request transcript from Guidance
- OUAC can transfer marks for Bishop's, Concordia, McGill, UBC, UVictoria, Dalhousie, SFU, UCalgary
- Some Canadian universities/colleges may visit the K-W area

## American Colleges & Universities

- Closest site for writing SAT is St. John's Kilmarnock, otherwise must go out of town (e.g. Toronto)
- Check out university and college websites for programs and application instructions
- Most use the Common App; application very detailed; requires letters of reference and essay - start early!
- Watch deadlines – Early admission & early acceptance deadline often in November; otherwise application is due at the end of December or early January. Let your counsellor know early if you are considering applying!**

## Things to Consider

- Program requirements? Prerequisites; cut-off averages; other criteria, e.g. audition, portfolio
- Location? Home or away; size and location of city
- Co-op or internship opportunities?
- Campus Factors? Size; atmosphere on campus; scholarships; cost of program
- Extra-curricular activities - clubs, sports, etc.
- Start date - some programs have start dates other than September

## Workplace

### Attend WRDSB Events

- [ZOOM in the Workplace](#)
- @Conestoga Doon Campus
- [Jill of all Trades](#)

@Conestoga Doon Campus  
Conestoga College Career Centre

### Lutherwood Employment Services

- [www.lutherwood.ca](http://www.lutherwood.ca)
- 165 King St E, Kitchener (519) 743-2460

### Youth Job Connect

285 Weber St. N #5, Waterloo  
519-722-4605 x5630

### Ontario Government—Employment Ontario

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

### Job Search Websites:

- [www.indeed.ca](http://www.indeed.ca)
- [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)
- [www.kwjobshop.ca](http://www.kwjobshop.ca)

## myBlueprint - Getting Started Guide

### WHAT IS myBlueprint?

myBlueprint is a comprehensive education and career planning program that supports student exploration, planning and decision making for secondary and post-secondary pathways



### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Visit [www.myblueprint.ca/wrdsb](http://www.myblueprint.ca/wrdsb) - Click **Sign Up**
- Select your school (or future high school) from the drop down menu and click **Create My Account**
- Select grade from the options and click continue
- Fill out the sign up form

### EXPLORE YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT CHECKLIST

- Complete the five (5) **Who Am I** surveys
- Go to **Match Results** tab > Complete two (2) **Compatibility** Surveys
- Go to **Home** > **Goals** > **Add a goal**
- Go to **Post-Secondary** > Select a **Pathway** (e.g. College & University) > Favourite a **program**
- Go to **Work** > **Occupations** > Favourite two (2) **occupations**
- Go to **Work** > **Job Search** > Look up and favourite a **job posting** in your area
- Go to **Home** > **Portfolios** > **Add a Portfolio** > Name your portfolio
- Add an **Avatar** and a **Banner** image
  - + **Add Box** > Add Media > Upload a picture/image that represents who you are
  - + **Reflection** > Give an explanation of how the image represents who you are
  - + **Add Box** > **Add Recent** > **Favourites** > An occupation that you favoured
  - + **Add Box** > **Add Recent** > **Favourites** > A post-secondary program you favoured

### POST-SECONDARY OR OCCUPATION PLANNING

- Select **Post-Secondary** or **Occupations** from the menu navigation on the left hand side of the screen
- To get started with **Post-Secondary**, choose a pathway option from the dropdown list (e.g. Apprenticeships)
- To get started with **Occupations**, choose **Work** from the menu navigation on the left hand side of the screen and then select **Occupations**. Enter **Occupation Name or Keyword** in the search bar and click **Search** when you are ready.
- Pick **TWO (2)** opportunities that interest you and favourite them by clicking the heart beside it

## Financial Planning

### OSAP—Ontario Student Assistance Program

- <https://osap.gov.on.ca> - can apply to get an estimate
- Eligible Ontario students may receive financial assistance
- Apply in the spring once you have accepted an offer to a college or university

### Scholarships

- Visit <https://yconic.com>, [www.scholartree.ca](http://www.scholartree.ca), [www.scholarshipscanada.ca](http://www.scholarshipscanada.ca)

### Bursaries (Based on Financial Need)

- Visit college/university website

Websites: [WCI Guidance webpage](#) (includes each grade's Guidance Google Classroom codes)