

# 2017-2018

# GRADUATION ACTION PLAN

● Apprenticeship ● College ● University ● Workplace

## Dates to Remember

Late applications will be processed after these initial dates, but oversubscribed programs will not be available.

● Ontario University Information Program - UIP @Superior CVI	Wednesday, October 4, 2017	6:30 p.m.
● Ontario University Application Centre University	Wednesday, January 17, 2018	\$150
● Ontario College Information Program @ Confederation College	Wednesday, September 27, 2017	6:00 p.m.
● Ontario College Application Services College	Thursday, February 1, 2018	\$95

Applying outside of Ontario?

Visit Student Services



What are you doing after high school?

- Take responsibility for your own post-secondary planning.
- Log on to Career Cruising and access the “Post Secondary Planner” tool.
- Visit your Student Services Department; be up-to-date and find out what’s happening when, where, and with whom.
- Network with graduating students and students who have recently graduated.
- Be aware of the many paths you can follow after high school. Routes include college first/transfer to university, or vice versa, work, apprenticeship, etc.

# WHAT IS Right for You?

Know your post secondary options

- Consider the opportunities!
- Consider alternatives...
  - Take 4.5 or 5 years in high school
  - Volunteer, travel, work, study part-time
  - Apply out-of-province or out-of-country
  - Combine schooling with military service
- Visit all College and University Information Presentations (CIP/UIP)
- Know help is available and access it.
  - Student Services
  - [www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca) - See ‘Student Resources’
  - Explore calendars, books, brochures, multi media
    - online or in print
  - Talk to teachers, parents, employers
  - Participate in all career information opportunities

# Ask yourself & figure out your next steps.

Get help,  
direction and ideas  
from your parents &  
teachers!

Map out an action  
plan, regularly  
reviewing and  
revising it. This plan  
includes your main  
plan and your  
alternative plan.

Share your plans.

Attend the  
presentations and  
career fairs.

Explore the  
websites listed in this  
booklet.

Explore and discuss  
post secondary  
financing.



Does your timetable meet your needs, allowing you to complete all remaining credits?

- 30 credits (18 compulsory & 12 electives)



Have you successfully completed the Grade 10 Literacy Test or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course?



Have you completed the 40 hours of Community Involvement and submitted the necessary documentation?



Do you have the prerequisite courses for the college/university/ apprenticeship program of your choice?



Will you meet the entrance requirements for your choice of post-secondary institution?

University requires prerequisite courses and at least 6 4U's/4M's. In many cases a designated overall average which varies greatly depending on the university and/or program (70% for Lakehead University) and must be maintained on the 6 4U/4M courses.

College requires Grade 12 College English (ENG4C), and specific senior mathematics or science courses may be required for technology and health programs.

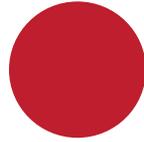
Program Requirements:  
Check with Student Services



**Are you going to work?** Do you have an up-to-date resume? Have you taken advantage of local resources such as NEW Northwest Employment Works and YES Employment (807) 623-0768?



**Are you considering the skilled trades or an apprenticeship?** Have you explored the local labour market? Have you made a connection with an employer who is willing to sponsor an apprentice? Talk to your Co-op teachers.



# Apprenticeship

Check out



[www.oyap.com](http://www.oyap.com)

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

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

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

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

[www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)

[www.skillsontario.com](http://www.skillsontario.com)

[www.skillscanada.com](http://www.skillscanada.com)

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu)

is the website of the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities!

[www.skillswork.com](http://www.skillswork.com)

[www.madewiththetrades.com](http://www.madewiththetrades.com)

[www.ltab20.on.ca/skilled](http://www.ltab20.on.ca/skilled)

[www.mazemaster.on.ca/training](http://www.mazemaster.on.ca/training)

[www.drltb.com](http://www.drltb.com)

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

[www.working.com](http://www.working.com)

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

**Q: Why choose the skilled trades?**

**A: There are over 150 skilled trades that can be classified in four sectors – Construction, Industrial, Motive Power and Service. Skilled tradespeople earn higher than average incomes. Many skilled tradespeople own their own businesses, and it is believed that 40% of new jobs will be in the skilled trades in the next two decades.**

**Q: What is an apprenticeship?**

**A: An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction. The length of an apprenticeship can vary depending on the trade, but 80-90% of the training is provided in the workplace.**

**Q: What is the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program?**

**A: The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a program designed to introduce Grade 11 and 12 students (at least 16 years of age) to a career in the skilled trades. It begins with cooperative education placement to help meet prospective employers and to begin to learn a trade while completing the requirements for a high school diploma.**

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can play an important role in the decision-making process**



# College

**Q: What are the current general admission requirements?**

**A: The minimum requirement for admission to colleges will be an Ontario Secondary School Diploma with C or M courses in Grade 12 or equivalent.**

**Q: How will colleges treat students who present a mixture of U, M or C courses for admission?**

**A: It is critical to check the specific policy of individual institutions as there may be significant differences in the way an institution views the different types of courses.**

**Q: Where can you find more information?**

**A: Admission requirements for acceptance into all Ontario college programs can be found at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca). For out-of-province colleges, check with the specific school's website information.**

**Q: If I am applying to an over-subscribed program, does it matter if I am scheduled to take the prerequisites in Semester II of Grade 12?**

**A: Yes, SOME colleges and universities are filling programs with students who have their prerequisites Semester I. Check with the institution.**

Check out



**CareerPath**

[www.careers.ocas.on.ca](http://www.careers.ocas.on.ca)

See for yourself where a college diploma can propel you. Read profiles of successful college graduates working in their fields of study, see what their employers have to say about them, and click your way to the colleges that can take you where you want to go.

**Ontario College-University Transfer Guide**

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

Did you know that Ontario's colleges offer collaborative programs with universities at home and abroad? For information about these transfer agreements and programs, consult the Ontario College-University Transfer Guide.



# University

Check out



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

is the site to browse for information on all Ontario universities.

[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)

is the site to apply to Ontario universities.

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

is the website for the Ontario School Counsellors Association and is a great site with links to all related areas.

*Note: It is critical to check individual institutions and their programs for specific entrance requirements. For example, The Schulich School of Business at York University requires that students maintain breadth in their studies and will consider no more than one M course from any one discipline when selecting their top six courses for admission.*

*\* U - University  
\* M - University/College  
\* C - College*

**Q: What are the minimum requirements for admission to university?**

**A: The completion of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or the equivalent, with a minimum overall average of 60% and six Grade 12 U\* or M\* courses, will be necessary for consideration for admission to an Ontario university. Most universities and/or programs have higher admission averages. Some universities and/or programs require as many as five Grade 12 U courses for admission. This information should be obtained directly from the university. Check up-to-date information provided at university websites.**

**Q: How will universities treat students who present a mixture of U and M courses for admission?**

**A: It is recognized that many students may present a mixture of courses for admission to university. Students who present a combination of U and M courses will be considered equally during the admission process provided that they meet all the course prerequisites specified by the universities to which they have applied.**

**Q: How will repeated courses be treated?**

**A: Each Ontario university has its own policy on repeated courses. These are posted on the university websites and in their admission handbooks.**

**Q: I am applying to a “collaborative” college/university program, how do I know whether to apply through OCAS or OUAC and which application deadline applies?**

**A: Each institution defines its own procedures for collaborative programs. Applicants must address questions directly to the university or college they wish to attend.**



# Workplace

**Q: What kinds of jobs are available without a high school diploma?**

**A: While there may be jobs available in all sectors, the largest distribution of workers without diplomas work in Sales and Service. Jobs in this sector would include: Supermarket Clerk, Telephone Solicitor, Labourer, Landscape Worker and Retail Clerks.**

**Q: How do I choose the right job?**

**A: When determining what to do, consider your goals, your interests, your education and when you are available to work. Make sure you get information on the labour market and future opportunities for growth.**

**Q: What resources are available to assist with searches?**

**A: There are career resources available in the Guidance Offices of all secondary schools in addition to the Grade 10 Career Studies Course. There are also resources like YES Employment and Job Connect that can provide both job readiness training, and links to potential employers.**

**Q: How do I get more information?**

**A: Contact your guidance counsellor, check out [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com) or [www.tradeability.ca](http://www.tradeability.ca)**

**Contact Job Connect through YES Employment Services at (807) 623-0768.**

# ARE YOU JOB-READY?

**A co-op is a great idea to get you "job ready".**

Check out





## Post Secondary Information Out-of-Province

Check with your Student Services Department for up-to-date information. For up-to-the-minute information about possible additional sessions check your school's website.

Out-of-province will have their own application deadlines, it is important to check individual school websites for details.

## VISIT

[careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com)

[osca.ca](http://osca.ca)

[workopolis.com](http://workopolis.com)

[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

[ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)

[electronicinfo.ca](http://electronicinfo.ca)

[servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca)

## Student Post Secondary Resources

OSAP - Ontario Student Assistance Program  
<http://osap.gov.on.ca>

Canada Student Loans  
[www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/student\\_loans](http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/student_loans)

Ontario Scholarships & Financial Aid  
[www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca)

Scholarship Databases  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

Lakehead Public Schools  
See Student Services Scholarship Binder

Peterson's Education Centre  
<http://www.petersons.com/>

