

## OYAP is an opportunity for students to explore the skilled trades

An Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) student is a student who is earning cooperative education credits for work experience in occupations that require an apprenticeship.

Students who have completed 14 credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), are 15 years of age and enrolled in Secondary School, are eligible for OYAP.

*The student may or may not be formally registered as an apprentice while attending high school.*

## Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education (Co-op) is a program that offers senior students the opportunity to extend their classroom learning in supervised placements throughout the community.

### Ways in which students benefit:

- gain experience in a career
- explore a career choice
- increase understanding of employer expectations and workplace ethics
- ease the transfer from school to work
- earn credits through practical experience
- increase confidence and leadership skills
- develop employability and networking skills
- enhance oral and verbal communication skills
- improve interpersonal skills, work habits and attitudes
- earn up to two compulsory credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Please see your Student Services Guidance Counsellor for clarification.



## OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program is a specialized program that enables students who are 15 years of age or older to meet high school diploma requirements while participating in an occupation that requires apprenticeship. Students who have completed 14 credits towards their OSSD and are enrolled in Secondary School eligible for OYAP.

All Lakehead Public High Schools offer Cooperative Education and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program opportunities for students.

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Superior CVI	768-7284 625-4005
Westgate CVI	577-4251 ext 3397
Roger DrCAR OYAP Recruiter	625-5167



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## Information for Students and Parents / Guardians



# LIVE THE SKILLED LIFE!



## Why Skilled Trades?

### Love what you do!

There are 144 skilled trades to explore! Interested young people will have the opportunity to learn, work and be challenged by occupations that will provide them with a valuable and diversified skills set.



### The power of flexibility and transferability!

A skilled trade will give you the power of flexibility and transferability. It can grant you a passport to anywhere in the world of work. When you have valuable skills that transfer seamlessly, you become a portable and sought-after employee, here in Northwestern Ontario and all around the world!

A skilled tradesperson will have solid earning potential, business ownership opportunities and a wide range of further training and education.



## Apprenticeship

### What is it?

Apprenticeship is a post-secondary education pathway. An employer uses training standards, found on the Skilled Trades Ontario website at [www.skilledtradesontario.ca](http://www.skilledtradesontario.ca) to ensure that an apprentice becomes competent. On-the-job training comprises about 90% of the apprenticeship. All apprentices attend in-school sessions, usually offered by Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology and/or other approved delivery agents (e.g. Unions). Once both the school and on-the-job educational components have been satisfied, apprentices will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. For trades with exams, apprentices must pass the exam before they can receive their Certificate of Qualification from the College of Trades.

### OYAP cooperative education placement hours can be applied to a formal apprenticeship in the future.

#### All Students Participating in OYAP must:

- be at least 15 years old;
- have completed 14 credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) prior to starting the program;
- be enrolled as a student during the program;
- be working towards the completion of all OSSD requirements.

## Business Ownership

### Own and Operate

If your interest is to one day own and operate your own business, the skilled trades can provide you with the foundation, skills and flexibility to do so.

If you have an entrepreneurial spirit, you can explore the business courses that might be helpful as you move towards a career in the skilled trades. College of Trades.

## Earning Potential

### Independence and Flexibility

A skilled trade can provide you with the potential to earn a competitive salary wherever you choose to call home. Skilled tradespeople have an earning potential that can be enhanced by specialization.



Learn More:

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