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Applying Online to Ontario's Colleges

OCAS Online Application for Ontario Secondary School Students

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Prayer and Introductions

Why choose college?

- Diversity of programs and locations
- Tuition savings
- Smaller class sizes
- Hands on work experience
- 84% of students found employment within 6 months of graduation
- 40% of all new jobs created in the next decade will be in the skilled trades and technology
- The number of university grads enrolled in colleges has increased by more than 40% over 5 years
- Offer University degree programs with easier access than University
- University transfer programs & joint programs with Universities

Thinking about College Programs

- College programs combine academic and applied learning with employment preparation in some of the following areas:
 - Applied Arts, Business, Health and Human Services and Technology
- May be a transition pathway:
General Arts and Science Program for **two** years
and then transfer to university (check transfer agreements)
- May be a “Pre” program

Diploma Programs

- Two or three years in special career related area
- Will usually require:
 - Grade 12 English
 - Graduation from high school
 - Senior level courses
- Some programs may require specific courses such as:
 - Biology, Tech Math, grade 11 or 12 Math

Joint Programs

- Earn a degree and a diploma at the same time from the partner schools in four years (college and university components)
- Prerequisites are based on degree requirements
 - E.g. New Media or Journalism at U of T Scarborough and Centennial College

Specialized Degree Programs

- 4 years of academic study and applied practical experiences
- Requires 6 Grade 12 U or M courses

Entrance Requirements for Diploma Programs

- Based on all Grade 11 and 12 marks including Co-op
- Averages are usually 65% or above
- Highly competitive programs are much higher**
- Prerequisite courses marks are included
- May prefer a good grade in College English and Math courses instead of a mediocre grade in the University level

How To Apply



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9euno3gQwYg>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Refer to your Credit Counselling Summary or [MyBlueprint](#)
- 30 credits (18 compulsory/12 elective) by end of JUNE!!
- 40 hours community service by: **April 2018**
- Successful completion of Literacy Test



| Course | Earned Credit | Mark | Req. Area | Comp. Credit | Repeat on 6 | Part 1/2 | TRANSCRIPT | | |
|--------|---------------|------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | | | Eligible | Credit | Date |
| ADA1O | 1.00 | 50 | Arts | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 02 |
| CGC1P | 1.00 | 51 | Geog. | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 02 |
| CHC2P1 | 1.00 | 80 | History | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 06 |
| CHV2O1 | 0.50 | 51 | Civics | 0.50 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0.50 | 2006 06 |
| ENG1P | 1.00 | 66 | English | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 06 |
| ENG2P1 | 1.00 | 51 | English | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 03 |
| ENG3C1 | 1.00 | 60 | English | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 06 |
| FSF1P1 | 1.00 | 76 | French | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 06 |
| GLC2O1 | 0.50 | 51 | Career St. | 0.50 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0.50 | 2006 06 |
| GLS2O1 | 1.00 | 86 | Group 1 | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 06 |
| MBF3C1 | 1.00 | 50 | Math | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 02 |
| MF1PO | 1.00 | 56 | Math | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 08 |
| MF2P1 | 1.00 | 51 | Math | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 06 |
| PPL1O | 1.00 | 50 | Phys. Ed. | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 06 |
| PPL2OF | 1.00 | 50 | Group 2 | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 02 |
| SBI3C1 | 1.00 | 78 | Group 3 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 08 |
| SNC1P | 1.00 | 50 | Science | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 02 |
| SNC2P1 | 1.00 | 52 | Science | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 06 |

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| GLE1O | 55 | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 02 |
| GWL3O1 | 70 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 02 |
| HPC3O1 | 72 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 06 |
| HRE2O1 | 71 | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 06 |
| HRE3O1 | 64 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 02 |
| MBF3C2 | 51 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2007 08 |
| SBI3C1 | 56 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | R | 2007 02 |

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CURRENT YEAR COURSES AND ACHIEVEMENT

| Course/Section | Date | Abs. | Lates | Att. | Earn |
|----------------|-------------|------|-------|------|------|
| ENG4C1-02 | 2007 Sep 04 | 0.0 | 0 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| HRE4MC-01 | 2007 Sep 04 | 0.0 | 0 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| SCH4C1-01 | 2007 Sep 04 | 0.0 | 0 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| COP4O2-01 | 2008 Feb 01 | 0.0 | 0 | 4.00 | 0.00 |

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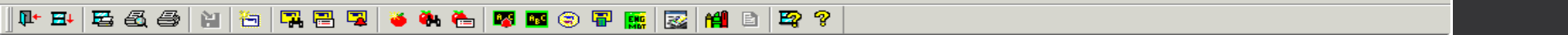
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_____ **EQUIVALENT COURSES** _____

_____ **CREDIT TOTALS** _____

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Credit Counselling Summary / St Marcellinus / MARCL

Zoom: 100 % Show Rulers: Cancel Preview

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|--------|------|----|-----------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|---------|
| MF11PO | 1.00 | 56 | Math | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 08 |
| MF21P1 | 1.00 | 51 | Math | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2006 06 |
| PPL1O | 1.00 | 50 | Phys. Ed. | 1.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1.00 | 2005 06 |
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| Req | 4.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 18.00 | 12.00 |
| Earn | 3.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 17.00 | 7.00 |

“TO DO LIST” FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION

Research your options by using the following resources:

- Ontario College Fair: **October 24 – 25, 2017** (<https://ocif.ca/>)
- myBlueprint (www.myblueprint.ca)
- STA College Info Sessions: **Oct. 4, 2017**
- **Each college usually has a “career finder” tool**

“TO DO LIST” FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION

- College websites and viewbooks
- Campus visits!!!! Very important
- On-line application tutorial
- Guidance bulletin boards
- Guidance Counsellors, teachers, parents

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Scholarships
 - studentawards.com
 - scholarshipscanada.com
 - parent employers

- Bursaries

- Awards

- OSAP: on-line applications available in fall of 2017
 - Ontario.ca/osap

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 2017: Online Application Opens
- October 15, 2017: Colleges Begin Receiving Applications
- February 1, 2018: Equal Consideration Date. (After this date, a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full). Note that applications to Highly Competitive Programs must be received by this date in order to be considered
- Complete applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 1, 2018: Earliest Offer Date
- May 1, 2018: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission (Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to confirm your offer)
- Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date
- Mid-June 2018: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

WHEN APPLYING

- Have a valid and suitable email address
- Know you Ontario Education Number (left of student number on timetable)
- Know your full address (including postal code)
- Have a (parent/guardian) credit card number (expiry date and cvv number) if paying online or by phone
- **“Next business day”** - could take up to 10 days to process
- **Check if you should be applying through OUAC or OCAS (joint, collaborative or degree)**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Log in to your account.
- Fill in your personal information and educational history.
- Add your program choices.
- Request your **transcripts**. (These are sent automatically. Be sure to check that all courses show up)
- Pay the application processing fee and any transcript fees.
- Log back in to verify your transcript information, or to make changes or updates to your application.
- Log back in after February 1 to view and **confirm offers of admission**.

For a step-by-step tour of the secure online application,  **download the user guide** .

Additional Important info

How To Apply To An Ontario College

Important Dates

Application Fees

Transcripts

Program Types

Highly Competitive Programs

Admission Requirements

Immigrant Applicants

International Applicants

Mature Students

Offers of Admission

e-Materials

The first step in applying to college is to research the programs and colleges available to you. If you have not already decided what programs you are applying to, see our **College Map** to find a campus near you, browse our **Find a Program** tool to see all college programs offered in Ontario, go directly to **college websites** for more details about their programs, and consider attending a **College Information Program** event to meet college representatives in person.

The next step is to create an account with ontariocolleges.ca and begin your college application.

Your ontariocolleges.ca Account

If you have never applied through ontariocolleges.ca before, click the "Create an Account" button to get started. Your ontariocolleges.ca account allows you to

- Apply to any of **Ontario's 28 public colleges**
- Review and update your college application
- Request Ontario high school transcripts (from [participating schools](#))
- Request Ontario college/university transcripts
- View and accept offers of admission

Important Info Before You Apply

- The **application processing fee** is \$95.00 (non-refundable).
- An application allows you up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college).
- All program choices must start within the same academic year (August-July).
- There may be additional fees to request transcripts.
- Your username is permanent.
- Your password must be between 8 and 14 characters in length.
- Use a valid email address.
- **DO NOT** create more than one account.
- The application works best in **certain web browsers**.

Ready to start your application?

Create an Account

Log In

to your account to complete your application, make changes or confirm offers of admission.



Debunking the Myths

- Myth: College is an easier alternative to university.
- Fact: They are equally demanding. What makes it different is the smaller learning environment, personalized attention and the blend of theory and practical application.

- Myth: College is for students that can't get into university.
- Fact: A good percentage of students in college have already completed university study. College is suitable for students that benefit from an alternate learning style and are looking for the skills to be job ready on Day 1.

Debunking the Myths

- Myth: University is the key to getting a job.
- Fact: Maybe 10-15 years ago. Employers now demand staff that have the theoretical knowledge but also the practical skills to be job-ready on day 1. Employers report a 93% satisfaction rate with college graduates, higher than can be said for university graduates.
- Myth: I have to apply to college or university.
- Fact: You can apply to both, in fact we recommend it.

Other points to remember

- NIGHT SCHOOL/SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES-IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP US INFORMED
- LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS OR READ THEM IN THE ATTRIUM
- PRINT OUT WHAT YOU ARE ABLE TO AND KEEP IT. ESPECIALLY YOUR OCAS Reference# once you pay
- TOFEL - for students that have come from other countries outside of North America
- Check your account for emails from the colleges
- Most colleges require an English and/or math placement test
- DO YOUR BEST.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqyTffuiaX8>

Need Assistance?

- Call 1-888-892-2228
- Email ask-us@ontariocolleges.ca
- If you have an IEP or need support services they are available at all Ontario Colleges, but it is your responsibility to find out about them. Contact the College and ask to speak to the Student Support Office. Also speak to your SERT.
- Also check this website for students with disabilities.
<http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/>
- Check out the FAQ on the Ontario Colleges website
- Speak to your guidance counsellor.
- On November 15 during Period 4, a representative from Humber will be available to help with the application process in room 323. You must sign up to attend. First come, first serve.