



Thinking
About
Pathways
After
Graduation?

The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

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We value
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Indigenous Rights Human Rights



The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination.

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There Are Many Pathways After MCVI...

- Apprenticeship
- College
- Defer acceptance (with caution)
- Gap Year/Travel
- University
- Upgrade courses
- Volunteer
- Work full time



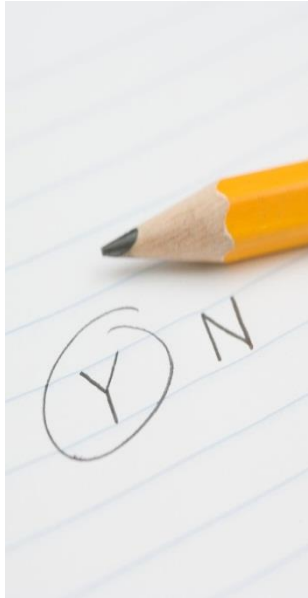
University or College?



- If considering formal post-secondary education, students need to make an **informed decision** about whether to **attend University or College**.
- Both provide **different types of education** with different benefits, costs, and time commitments.
- This is likely the **most important research project** of your life thus far!

University

- Undergraduate Degree –
(Bachelor's – ie BA, BSc, BComm, BEng) 4 years
- Graduate Degree
(Masters)
- Doctorate (PHD)



College

- Certificate - (1 year)
- Diploma - (2-3 years)
- Applied Degree - (4 years)
- Collaborative Degree
- Apprenticeship



University

OR

College

University is:

- **Subject specific**
(ie. English, Biology)
- **Independent learning**
(less time in lectures and labs, more homework)
- 4+ years

College is:

- **Job specific**
(ie. Paramedic)
- **Dependent learning**
(hands-on learning with expert in field)
- 1, 2, or 3 years



University

Living away:

\$20,000 +

Living at home:

\$9,000 +



College

Living away:

\$15,000 +

Living at home:

\$8,000 +



Decisions to be Made

1. School: Which is the best "fit" for you?
2. Program: College – HVAC, Dental Hygiene, Culinary, Trade Fundamentals etc.
University - Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering, Nursing etc.
3. Major/Minor (U only): History, Visual Art, Political Science, Biology, Finance & Economics

Things to Consider: Program Differences

- What is the course of study? **Not all programs will offer the same opportunities or the same depth of focus.**
- It's important to look at course calendars. You need to find the course offerings relevant and interesting! Look at specific faculties.



Things to Consider: Entrance Requirements

Prerequisite courses

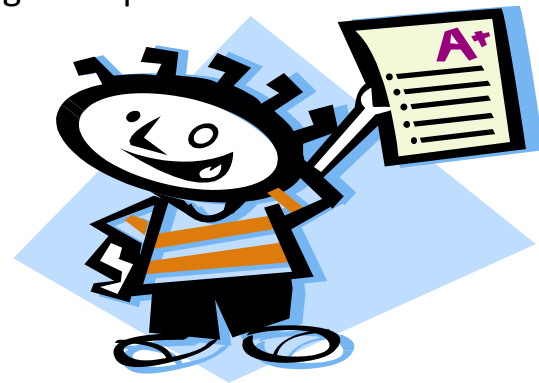
University - **ENG4U1** and 5 other “4U” or “4M” courses (6 in total, including all required program prerequisites.)

College - **ENG4C1** and a majority of senior level credits coded as “C”, “M” or “U”.

Marks - Oversubscribed program?

Additional requirements

- personal statement of experience
- audition
- portfolio



Things to Consider: Location

- Transportation to and from school?
- Cost of living (Oshawa vs. Toronto)

Family Connections?

- Study outside of Ontario?
- Possibility of study abroad?
- Big City vs. Small Community



Things to Consider: Where Will You Live?

- Most students will live in **residence for first year only.**
- Types of rooms (single, double, apartment.)
- Washroom Facilities (shared, co-ed)
- Meal Plan and Options
- Be aware of off-campus housing opportunities and costs.
Much more expensive to live in Toronto than North Bay.



Things to Consider: Cooperative Education



Paid work experience that helps students build their resume for future employment.



Can take place in small blocks during alternate semesters or in larger block.



Blocks of 3-12 months. May add a 5th year, or summer semester.



Entrance averages are often higher for programs with co-op.

Forwarding of Marks

The DDSB sends marks to **OUAC** and **OCAS** at different times in the year:

- October: Student demographic files sent
- November: **Previously completed grade 11 and 12 courses. University midterm marks on OUAC.**
- February: **Final marks** for Semester 1.
- April/May: **Midterm marks** for Semester 2.
- July : **Final marks** for Semester 2. Graduation status as well!
- August - final summer school marks



Researching University

- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

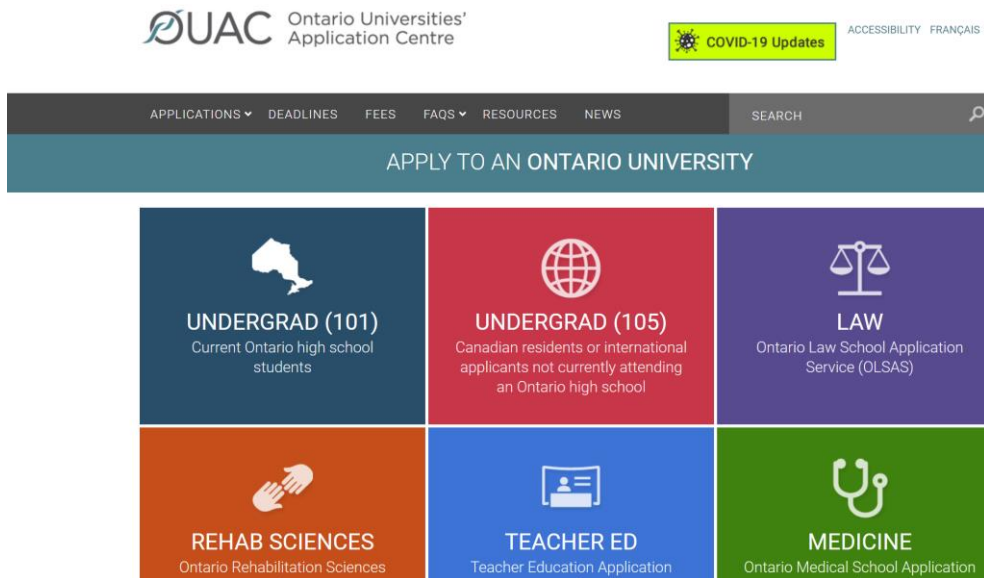
Use this site to research programs, find admission criteria/prerequisites, links to program pages and direct access to university info.

Use the "Compare" feature to keep track of potential programs.

Attend University Virtual Open Houses (check university websites)



www.ouac.on.ca



- Ontario University Application Centre website
- Online applications (apply and accept on this site!)
- Links to Ontario University websites (info about programs, tuition, living accommodation, etc.)
- Links to Ontario University Calendars





University Application Process

- All applications are submitted online via www.ouac.on.ca. Offers are made on this site and offers are accepted here too!
- Online access codes and PINs will be delivered to MCVI in early-mid November. We will notify you once they have arrived. You require the PIN before you can create an OUAC account and apply.
- The base fee is \$150.00 for 3 spots or choices (can be same school, or all different). Each additional choice is \$50.00. No limit! Note: Several programs charge a supplemental fee.
- Fee can be paid through **on-line or telephone banking, credit card, or cheque**. Non-refundable. Online banking is also available.
- **University deadline:** January 12th, 2023 (11:59 pm ET) - **Apply EARLY!**



University Offers of Admission

- Each school follows a different timeline for making offers of admission. Do not worry and compare with friends!
- Each school outlines their timeline on Ontario Universities Info.
- Some are sent in early February. Others wait until May.
- Last date for offers: **May 29th, 2023.**
- Earliest required response from you: **June 1st, 2023.**



www.ontariocolleges.ca (You will need your OEN #)

ontariocolleges.ca by OCAS

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College Application Fee

- Students may apply to **FIVE** programs for a fee of \$110.00. OCAS will send all inform to the colleges. **Fee is non-refundable.** All you need is your OEN number to be able to apply.
- No more than **3 program choices** can be from the same College.
- Fee can be paid through **online or telephone banking, credit card, or cheque.**
- **Date funds are received is the date the application is processed.**



College Offers of Admission



OFFERS start November 1st, 2022

- Earliest release of offers by the colleges to all applicants. **Offers will continue** to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

ACCEPT by May 1st, 2023

- Applicants must **confirm their acceptance** of an offer of admission to their chosen program through ontariocolleges.ca by this date.



Conditional Offers of Admission

- All offers of admission are conditional for College and University unless a student has already completed enough required courses with the required entrance average.
- Offers are **firmed up in July** after final marks have been received.
- Other conditions will be **outlined with the offer of admission** (ie. 70% in English).
- Keep working hard even after you have received and accepted an offer. Your offer and/or scholarships can be impacted!



Apprenticeships

- **In-School Training:** Colleges provide the in-school training portion of the apprenticeship program (about 10% of the total time commitment).
- **Certificate of Qualification Exams:**
At the completion of your apprenticeship you will be able to write the C of Q exam.
- **Apprenticeship Grants:** Financial help is available through several ministry-funded programs.
- Visit www.tradeability.ca for more details.



MyBlueprint – Verify Graduation Status (40 hours this year, OSSLT)

High School

Plan Courses

R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate and Vocational Institute

View Plans

✖ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

Not returning next year?

Step 1 Add Courses Step 2 Review Courses Step 3 Submit Courses Review Course Selections

Grade 9 Completed	Grade 10 Completed	Grade 11 Completed	Grade 12 Current Year
English	English	English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Course
Science	Science	Course	Course
Geography	History	Course	Course
French as a Second Lan...	Career Studies/Civics	Course	Course
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Additional Requirements

For students graduating in the 2021-22 school year, the community involvement graduation requirement will be reduced to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities as per the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Course Selection Resources

Graduation Indicator

0/30 REQUIRED CREDITS

0 Planned 0 Earned 0 Total

View Progress

SHSM Planner

Your school offers 4 Specialist High Skills Majors

Learn More

Pathway Eligibility

Last Updated Feb. 3, 2021, 2:05 p.m.

Refresh Eligibility

Apprenticeship 1 College 0 University 0 Workplace 0

Learn More

Graduation Progress

0 required credits planned	0 required credits earned	30 total required for graduation	
Compulsory		0/18 Credits	
	Planned	Earned	Required
4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade)	0	0	0/4
1 Credit in French As a Second Language	0	0	0/1
3 Credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit at the grade 11 or grade 12 level)	0	0	0/3
2 Credits in Science	0	0	0/2
1 Credit in Arts	0	0	0/1
1 Credit in Health and Physical Education	0	0	0/1
0.5 Credit in Civics	0	0	0/0.5
0.5 Credit in Guidance and Career Education	0	0	0/0.5
1 Credit in History	0	0	0/1
1 Credit in Geography	0	0	0/1
Group 1 - 1 Credit in English or French As a Second Language or Classical Studies and International Languages or Social Sciences and Humanities or Canadian and World Studies or Guidance and Career Education or Cooperative Education or Native Languages or Religion (at least 1 credit in grade 11)	0	0	0/1
Group 2 - 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education or Arts or Business Studies or French As a Second Language or Cooperative Education	0	0	0/1
Group 3 - 1 Credit in Science (at least 1 credit in grade 11 or 12) or Technological Education or French As a Second Language or Computer Studies or Cooperative Education	0	0	0/1



Types of Scholarships

Money can be received in three different ways to help pay for an education:

1. Entrance Scholarship

Granted automatically once the school's offer is accepted. The value increases with a higher average.

2. Scholarships requiring an application

Includes school specific scholarships (i.e. U of T National Scholarship), Special categories (i.e. ethnicity, language) and external scholarships (i.e. Loran Scholarship)

3. Bursaries

Grants awarded based on financial need - often in conjunction with OSAP

UPCOMING DATES

COLLEGE RESEARCH:

- Wednesday, October 19th (5-9 p.m.) and Thursday, October 20th (9a.m. - 2 p.m) Ontario College Fair, Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, T.O. @ www.ontariocollegefair.ca, Free, No registration
- Wednesday, October 26th – MCVI College Fair, Cafeteria P4, Sign-up coming on Google Classroom.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH:

- Thursday, October 13th – MCVI University Fair, Panel Format, Library All Day, Sign-up coming on the Grade 12 Google Classroom.
- OUF: Virtual Sessions: October 11, 5-8pm, November 9, 5-8pm and December 1, 5-8 pm. Each event is divided into 6 timeslots, where students can learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions @ www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca



What You Can Do Now:

- Check out our **Scholarships Section** in our **Grade 12 Google Classroom**.
- Create a profile on www.scholartree.ca, www.yconic.com and other scholarship websites
- Check out the **Financial Aid Office** website at **each of the schools** to which you are applying.
- Investigate whether **your employer or a parent/guardian's employer** has scholarship opportunities available.
- **Start applying to scholarships!** So much \$\$\$\$ goes unclaimed each year!





MARY SOLN posted a new material: Resources for Scholarship Searching



Posted Sep 17



Scholarships Made Simpl...
<https://scholartree.ca/>



ScholarshipsCanada - Fi...
<https://www.scholarshipscan...>



Scholarships Bursaries a...
<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/pro...>



Ontario Scholarships - O...
<https://ontarioscholarships.c...>



Yconic
<https://yconic.com/>



Scholarships & Financial ...
<https://www.osca.ca/student...>



Scholarships - OUInfo
<https://www.ontariouniversiti...>



Programs and scholarshi...
<https://www.univcan.ca/prog...>

Other Options:

OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

- Student loans based on **financial need**.
- Parents will have to provide information from their **Income Tax return**.
- Ontario Student Access Guarantee!
- No repayment is required until six months after you have graduated and are no longer a student.
- www.osap.gov.on.ca Look for the OSAP calculator!



Student Line of Credit

- Many major banks have a “**student line of credit**.”
- Usually requires a **co-signer** (parent/guardian).
- Interest usually accumulates from the moment the loan begins, but there may be a grace period.



Paying Fees

Some institutions may require **payments as early as May.**

Payments may be **requested in the summer.**

Payment deferrals have to be set up through the school's Financial Aid Office.

OSAP is usually not released **until September.**



Our Advice to Students....



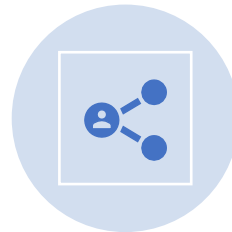
It is **normal to feel overwhelmed at first** when considering all of your options.



You have **plenty of time** to research! (as of right now... however the clock is ticking!)



Concentrate on your classes and **try to achieve the best marks possible.**



Guidance staff is available to help you.

Guidance Contacts

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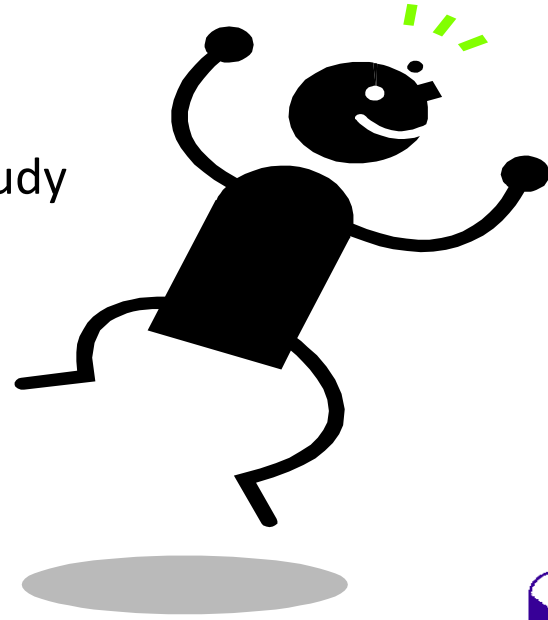
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Thank you for your kind attention!

Questions?

