

## **OSSD REQUIREMENTS**

#### **30 CREDITS**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

# LITERACY COMPONENT

**18** COMPULSORY **12** ELECTIVE CREDITS **GROUPS** 1, 2, & 3 40 HOURS ARE
COMPLETED AND
REPORTED TO THE
GUIDANCE
OFFICE.

SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE
OSSLT OR LITERACY
COURSE OLC40I

**eLEARNING COMPONENT** 

COMPLETION OF TWO eLEARNING CREDITS OR A SIGNED 'OPT OUT' FORM

#### SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

- Verify that you are working towards completing your requirements by June 2026
  - Only ONE diploma is issued
  - See your SHSM coordinator or guidance counsellor if you are concerned that you are missing a requirement
- If you have chosen not to complete the SHSM program, please notify your SHSM coordinator and guidance counsellor prior to October 30th

#### REPEATED CREDITS

- Repeated credits **will not count** as an additional credit but **will count** as part of your 34 credit cap
  - Consideration if you are considering a 5th year
- Some post-secondary institutions may adversely view repeated credits and this should be considered when determining whether to repeat a course or not





# **PATHWAY OPTIONS**

- Apprenticeship
- → College
- University
- Workplace



#### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

- → A "learn while you earn" option for graduates
- → Often takes 2-5 years to complete
  - 80-90% takes place in the workplace
  - 10-20% takes place at college
- → Different routes into apprenticeships
  - Find an employer to sponsor you
  - Complete a college program and then find a sponsor
- → More information is available in the slideshow on the <u>W-O Guidance site</u>

#### **TRADE SECTORS & EXAMPLES**

#### Construction

 Carpenter, plumber, electrician, stone mason, drywaller, powerline worker

#### Industrial [Manufacturing]

Millwright, blacksmith, welder, tool & die maker

#### Automotive and Motive Power

 Mechanic, alignment & brake technician, auto body repair, car painter

#### → Service

Arborist, baker, early childhood educator, hair stylist

## **ROAD TO APPRENTICESHIP**

#### **RESEARCH**

#### **SPONSOR**

#### **AGREEMENT**

- Explore your options
- Research what interests you
- Consider the working conditions and your eligibility

- → Find a sponsor
- Network with employers to help assist in your search

→ Sign a
Registered
Training
Agreement
(RTA)

# WRDSB

#### OYAP TRADE UNION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

# Students spend Semester 2 at the union hall and working with local contractors

- → 309A Electrician IBEW Local 804
- → 306A Plumber UA Local 527
- → 450A Construction Craft Worker Liuna Local 837
- → 403A General Carpenter UBC Local 785
  - Applications close on November 1st
    - See your guidance counsellor for more information.



# **COLLEGE INFORMATION PROGRAM**



- Local College Fair at Conestoga College is <u>cancelled</u> due to the strike. More information to follow if available.
- Connect with Ontario Colleges
  - ontariocolleges.ca

## **COLLEGE PROGRAMS**

#### What program type is right for you?

- → Certificate | 8 to 12 months
- → Diploma | 2+ years
- → Advanced Diploma | 3 years
- → Degree | 4 years
- → Apprenticeship Programs
  - See link on W-O Guidance site for more info
- → Pathways Programs OnTransfer.ca
  - Transfer to University after program completion

# **ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA**

- → Use to research and apply to college
- → Search up your college program options by:
  - o Program, Category, College
- → Narrow your search by:
  - College location
  - Type of credential
  - Start date
  - Highly competitive programs

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- → Look up the **admission requirements** carefully
  - May have specific grade requirements
  - Some programs may require other non-credit requirements
    - Portfolio, first aid, CASPer test
- → Check college websites to see how 4U courses vs. 4C courses are calculated in the admission average. (ie. Conestoga adds 10% to final marks to 4U required courses for diploma programs).

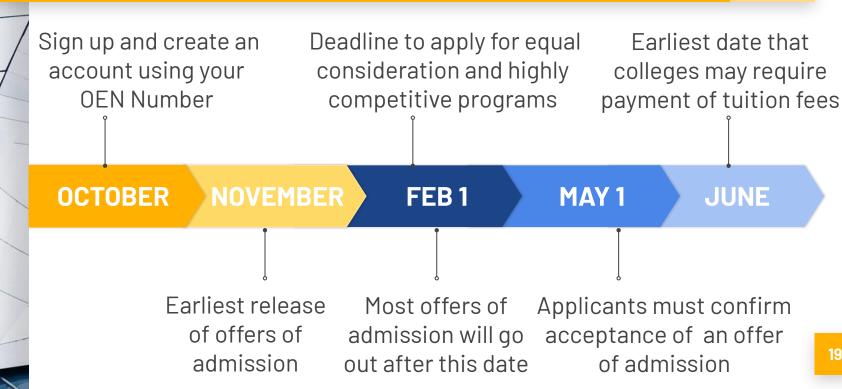
## **APPLYING TO COLLEGE**

- → Create an account with your legal name
- → Use a non-WRDSB email address as it will expire when you graduate
- → Your **OEN number** will be required for registration
  - Found in myBlueprint under settings, on report cards and on your Graduation Summary
- → Visit the W-O Guidance site for the slides detailing the application process for OCAS
- → Application Workshop: October 7th @ 11:00, Library Seminar Room

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

- → Cost is \$150 for up to 5 programs
  - You may apply for up to 3 programs/college
- → February 1st
  - Deadline to apply to OCAS for equal consideration and for highly competitive programs
- → Applications for some degree programs offered at Ontario Colleges may be through OCAS while others may be through OUAC\*
  - \*The application process for Nursing programs vary.
  - \*Please see individual college/university sites.

#### TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS







- → Ontario University Fair is in Toronto on September 27 & 28
- → Regional Fair at UW on October 16 [10am - 1pm and 5 - 8pm]
- - ♦ November 10 [5 7pm]
- Fall & Spring Open Houses & Campus Tours will vary by school

## UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAMS

#### What type of undergraduate program is right for you?

- Bachelor Degree | 3-4 years
- Honours Bachelor Degree | 4 years
- Honours Bachelor Degree with Co-op | 4+ years
- → Applicants require SIX 4U/4M courses including ENG4U
  - Required vs. Recommended courses

# WWW.ONTARIOUNIVERSITIESINFO.CA

- → Complete your research through Find a Program
  - You can also use the Compare option
- → Check all the information tabs carefully:
  - Overview
    - Enrollment, degree granted, grade range
  - Requirements
    - Required vs. recommended courses
  - Admission
    - Repeated courses, alternate offers

#### TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Research degree programs and verify requirements

Deadline to submit applications through OUAC. Apply earlier if possible.

Latest date to receive an offer through OUAC

**PRIOR TO JANUARY 15** 

**JANUARY 15** 

**MAY 28** 

**JUNE 1** 

Start and modify application through OUAC

Earliest date a University may require a response to an offer of admission, tuition deposit, and deposit for residence

# **Group A APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

- → Cost is \$156 for 3 programs
  - You may apply for additional programs at a cost of \$50 per additional choice
  - Some schools are also charging additional supplemental application fees
- → January 15th
  - Deadline to submit online through <u>OUAC</u> for equal consideration
  - Add and delete programs until this date
- → Application Workshop: October 9th @ 11am, Library Seminar Room

## MARK REPORTING TIMELINES

Marks are submitted to OCAS and OUAC throughout the school year at the following times:

#### **NOVEMBER**

**FEBRUARY** 

**APRIL** 

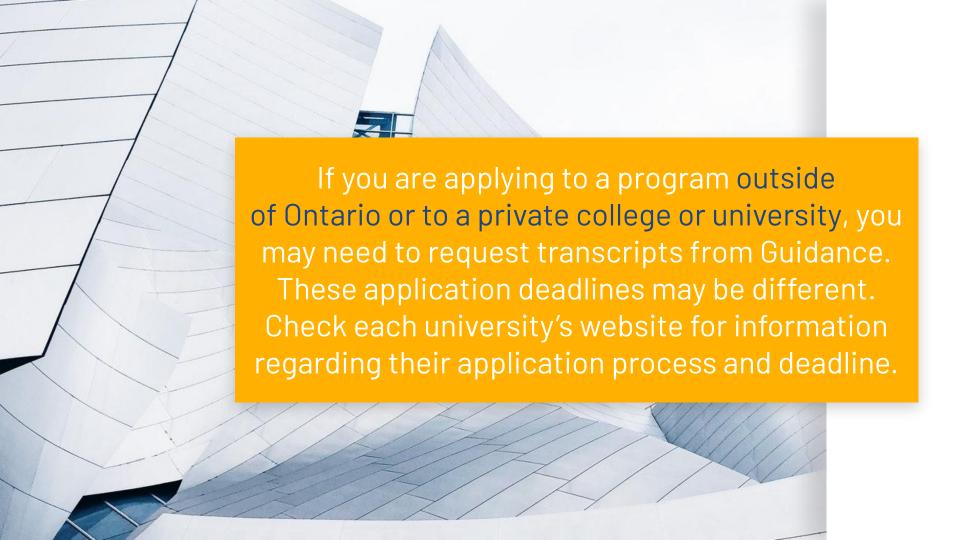
**JULY** 

Colleges and Universities can access all of your grade 11 & 12 final marks as well as those you are taking this year.

#### FULL DISCLOSURE DATES [Grade 11 & 12 Courses]

Semester 1 Courses - November 28th

Semester 2 Courses - May 8th







#### **SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID**

- → Post-secondary education is an investment
- → Most entrance and merit scholarships for degree and diploma programs are based on your entrance average
- → It can be worthwhile to apply for <u>OSAP</u> to see what types of grants and loans you are eligible for
- → Visit the W-O Guidance site for the section on Scholarships & Financial Aid
- → Scholarship Presentation: September 30th @ 11:00, Library Seminar Room

## **UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE VISITS**

- → Representatives from colleges and universities will be visiting W-0 between September 24th and November 24th
- → Sign up is available on the W-O guidance site on the College and University pages. A link has been posted in the Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom



## WHAT KIND OF JOB IS RIGHT FOR ME?

- → myBlueprint is a great starting point to assess your interests in employment
  - Includes a built-in search engine
- → Co-op can be another great opportunity to try out a job or see what you enjoy!
  - You can take co-op more than once!
  - Reach out to your guidance counselor to talk about some options!

## FINDING EMPLOYMENT

- → There are in-person services offered in our region to help you find meaningful employment
  - Conestoga College Career Centre
  - Starling Employment Services
- → Many online sites are devoted to helping you find meaningful employment. Here are some examples:
  - Indeed.ca
  - Monster.ca





# **GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS**

Appointments can be booked through the W-O Guidance Site

Mr. Mitani [A - E, Z]

Ms. Kipfer [F - K]

Mrs. Shipp [L-R]

Ms. Parker [S-Y]