



Grade 12 Assembly



Agenda

- What You Need to Graduate/Exit Interview
- Important Dates
- University Information Program: Corpus Christi
- Post-Secondary University Fair: cancelled due to Covid but universities are doing this virtually. Please visit our website for links to tours and virtual sessions www.cccss.ca – students- post-secondary information.
- College Fair (CIP) this year will be virtual visit <https://ontariocollegefair.ca>
- University Applications
- College Applications
- Important Websites

Who is my Counsellor?

- Students are assigned to a Guidance Counsellor based upon their last name:

A – F	Ms. Kelenc	kelencv@hcdsb.org
G – M	Mrs. Clarke	clarkeE3@hcdsb.org
N – Z	Mr. Papa	papad@hcdsb.org

Exit Plan

Students will receive the Grade 12 Exit Form by email. We ask that students fill out this form and send it to their Guidance Counsellor by October 16.

If you wish to make an appointment with your counsellor, please email Mrs. Grafton at graftonj@hcdsb.org (include the type of appointment you prefer phone, email or Teams call)

- **Graduation Requirements**

- Total credits: You must have 30 credits to graduate (18 compulsory, 12 electives (repeats only count as one credit and you must have successfully earned the credit with a mark of 50% or above)
- Literacy Test (pass is a L3)
- Community Service Hours (40 hours- must be approved by your Counsellor before you start your placement) All hours due May 1, 2021 to Student Services.

- ✓ Plans for September 2021
- ✓ Post Secondary Application Process
- ✓ OYAP/Specialty programs
- ✓ Scholarship/Awards



Graduate Requirements

What do you need to graduate from high school?

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1	credit in the arts
1	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 optional credits†
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.
 ** In groups 1, 2 and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3.
 *** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.
 † The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

Important Dates

- Ontario Universities' Fair and Regional Fairs 2020 – cancelled please visit ontariouniversitiesfair.ca for more information
- Visit cccsc.ca – Students – Post-Secondary Information for virtual tours and virtual information sessions for both Colleges and Universities
- Ontario College Virtual Fair – Nov. 4, 2020 from 4 pm – 8 pm and Nov. 5, 2020 from 9 am – 1 pm <https://ontariocollegefair.ca>
- OUAC - Ontario Universities' Application Centre www.ouac.on.ca
Deadline to apply to Ontario Universities is Jan. 15, 2021
- OCAS - Ontario College Application System www.ontariocolleges.ca
Deadline to apply to Ontario Colleges is Feb. 1, 2021
- Scholarships and Awards (every scholarship or award has its own deadline)

The Application Process for University

- The OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) provides us with a PIN for every grade 12 student. *We will update you as to how you will be receiving your PIN this year. OUAC has not decided how they will be distributing the PINs yet.*
- You will apply to university on the OUAC website using this PIN. Instructions on how to apply are enclosed with your PIN. Visit www.ouac.on.ca
- You can apply to 3 universities. They will charge \$150.00 for processing your application. If you wish to apply to more than 3 universities, there will be an additional charge of \$50.00 per university (this was last year's rate and is subject to change).
- Deadline for applying: January 15th 2021 (11:59pm). **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED BY THE CHRISTMAS BREAK.**

OUAC Important Dates 2020/21

November 2020

Access code letters for the OUAC 101 application will be available

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January 15th, 2021

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed application to OUAC.

Note: The OUAC still processes applications received after this date and distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

May 27th, 2021

The latest date all high school applicants can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: an offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.

June 1st, 2021

The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

All other admissions-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1st, 2021, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

Visit ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for program requirements



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ontario Universities' Info website. At the top, there is a dark grey navigation bar with links for HIGH CONTRAST, FRANÇAIS, ABOUT, CONTACT, FAQs, and HELP, along with a search bar. Below this is a maroon banner featuring the Ontario Universities' Info logo on the left and four main menu items: PROGRAMS (WHAT INTERESTS YOU?), UNIVERSITIES (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?), FINANCE (FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS), and APPLICATIONS (WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW). The main content area features a large photograph of a diverse group of seven young adults sitting outdoors. Overlaid on the right side of this photo is a dark grey box with the text "Welcome to Ontario Universities' Info" and "A guide to Ontario's universities for high school students." At the bottom, there are three distinct sections: "Find a Program" with a graduation cap icon, "Choose a University" with a shield icon containing a 'U', and "How to Apply" with a clipboard icon. Each section includes a brief description of the service.

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Welcome to Ontario Universities' Info
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 **Find a Program**
Search for your ideal program and find out the information you need.

 **Choose a University**
Get to know Ontario's universities and where they are located. Find

 **How to Apply**
Which application is right for me? Answer a few statements to guide

- Your top 6 grade 12 U/M marks will be used, including prerequisites, to determine your admission average for Ontario universities. ENG4U is usually a prerequisite for every program.
- Universities will review:
Grade 11 marks to determine a possible early admission offer (always conditional upon grade 12 marks). ***There is no separate application for early admission.***

ALL marks are sent electronically – you do NOT have to provide a paper transcript to any Ontario university.

University Entrance Requirements

- Check Ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- The minimum number of credits to apply – 6 grade 12 M or U's including the prerequisites
- What is the admission average based on?
- Know the prerequisite courses you need for the program you are applying to
- Do the prerequisite courses needed have to have a minimum average?
- Additional Admission Requirements: supplementary application, portfolio, audition, interview, essay, etc.

Other considerations

- 1. Why carry more than 6 grade 12 U/M courses?
- 2. Night school/online courses/repeated courses
- 3. All offers are conditional!!

Important things to know.....

- If you are taking a course outside of Corpus Christi it is your responsibility to provide Student Services with an official report card.
- Marks that are not received by June 21, 2021 will not be shown on your transcript for graduation.
- Students must tell their guidance counsellor that their mark needs to be updated on OUAC or OCAS (marks from private institutions do not get automatically uploaded) This is the responsibility of the student to inform the appropriate people.
- It is the students' responsibility to have all required courses. If you plan on retaking a course, please note that you will not receive two credits. It will show as a repeat.

Out of Province Affiliates

The OUAC assists the following out-of-province institutions in collecting academic data for Ontario secondary school students who have applied through the OUAC:

Acadia University

Bishop's University

The University of British Columbia

The University of Calgary

Concordia University

Dalhousie University

McGill University

Saint Mary's University

Simon Fraser University

The University of Victoria

Students who complete an application form for these out-of-province universities can provide authorization for a university to request their academic information from the OUAC. To provide authorization, the applicant must include their 11-digit OUAC Reference Number on the institution's application form. Note: In all cases, the eleventh digit should be "0".

Royal Military College

Applying to the Royal Military College of Canada

- The Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC), located in Kingston, Ontario, is not part of the OUAC's processing service. A separate form, along with additional application materials, must be obtained from a Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre. Call the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre at 1-800-856-8488 or visit the RMCC website at: www.rmcc-cmrc.ca.

University Application – Next Steps

- You will receive a letter from OUAC that will include the following:
 - school number
 - student number
 - PIN
- The cost to apply for this year has not been released yet. however last year it was \$150 for 3 choices; \$50 for each additional choice
- Apply On-line by January 15th , 2021
- **Please note** *we do not know if ouac will be mailing the pins directly to students or whether they will be sending them to the high school. More information to follow.*

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)
- <https://www.ontransfer.ca>

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
 - Make sure you do your research for program requirements ontariocolleges.ca

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



Joint Programs

- Earn a degree and a diploma at the same time from the partner schools in four years (college and university components)

Degree Programs

- 4 years of academic study and applied practical experiences
- Requires 6 Grade 12 U or M courses
- Ex. Bachelor of Nursing (Humber), Bachelor of Animation (Sheridan)

Find a Program

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PROGRAM SEARCH 🔍

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[Engineering & Technology](#)

College Application Process

- You will apply to college on the following website: www.ontariocolleges.ca
- There is no PIN (personal identification number) required to apply.
- You can apply to 5 colleges (no more than 3 programs for one college). There is a \$95.00 processing fee.
- Colleges will use **both grade 11 and 12** courses to determine admission.
- ENG4C1 is a prerequisite for every program.
- All marks are sent electronically. You do NOT have to provide a paper transcript to any Ontario colleges.
- The deadline for applying is February 1st , 2021
- **It is strongly recommended that you apply as soon as possible for programs that are highly competitive and over subscribed.**

Marks

- Submitted: mid September, November, February, April and July
- Full disclosure
- University : 6 grade 12 U or M level course (ENG4U being one for almost all programs)
- College : prerequisites and grade 11 and 12 O, C, M or U marks unless you are applying to a University Degree Program (Top 6 U/M grade 12 marks)

OYAP and Specialty Programs

- For those students who are not sure if college or university is their destination right after high school, the HCDSB and the HDSB offer many different types of specialty programs and OYAP programs
- For more information about OYAP programs throughout Halton Region visit:

<https://studentsuccess.hcdsb.org/where-do-i-start/ontario-youth-apprenticeship-program-oyap/>

www.myblueprint.ca



Specialist high skills major program at CC Sport Promotion and Athletic Leadership or Arts and Culture

To graduate with your SHSM red seal the following graduation requirements must be met:

Each SHSM program offers students a bundle of 8 - 10 credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the Sports sector.

The bundle includes: • 4 “major” credits in Fitness and Sport or Arts and Culture at the Senior level (Grades 11 and 12).

Courses are dependent on the focus of each respective program – contact Lead Teachers or Guidance contacts for information about specific course offerings / requirements.

- Supporting credits, which include Contextualized Learning Activities - opportunities for students to learn the subject in the context of the Sport sector i.e. Students complete a business project that is sector-specific » 1 Grade 12 English » 1 Grade 11 or 12 Art, Business Studies or Science credit » 2 cooperative education credits that relate directly to the Sports and Fitness sector

Scholarships

- Visit our website cccss.ca – Students – Scholarship Applications
- Follow us on Twitter @Corpus_SS
- www.studentawards.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- Many are time sensitive with concrete deadlines so you must be organized
- Many limit the number of applicants per school. These will require a nomination process.

Types of Scholarships

- Entrance scholarships
 - Automatic...based on admission average (80% or higher) and may be renewable (Lakehead U. example)
- University/College scholarships needing application
 - Check the college/university Financial Aid Office websites or look in EINFO
- Foundation scholarships (i.e. Terry Fox, Loran)
 - Usually need high marks and outstanding community service or demonstrated leadership
 - You may need to be nominated by the school

Preliminary Preparation

Keep track of all the activities you have been involved with, led or have been a member of such as:

- -Awards (honour roll)
- -Extra-curricular activities
- -Co-op experiences
- -International or educational exchanges
- -Part-time jobs
- -Academic achievement (**aim for >85%**)
- -School clubs, sports teams, and associations
- -Student council (SAC, Prefect, etc.)
- -Volunteer work at school or in the community

OSAP: Ontario Student Assistant Program

- ▶ Apply after you have accepted your offer of admission
- ▶ OSAP seminar will be held in April/May
- ▶ There are also grants and bursaries tied to the OSAP application (***these do not have to be paid back***)
- ▶ Interest free loan while in school full time

1) Applying for Scholarships

- Remember: this is a competition so be honest, accurate and complete.
 - ▶ Do you qualify?
 - Check the criteria carefully
 - Principal's nomination?
 - Limit on number from each school?
 - ▶ Due Dates
 - Postmark date or arrival? (a fax may not be allowed)
 - Count on doing everything a week early
 - ▶ Academic Information
 - Official transcript (ask Mrs. Grafton through email at graftonj@hcdsb.org at least a week in advance)
 - Credit counselling summary (ask your counsellor)

2) Applying for Scholarships

- References, Principal's Statement, etc.

- Who to ask? (ask someone in a position of responsibility who will say great things about you)
- Give them ample time (at least a week) with polite reminders
- Give them the info. they need: scholarship criteria, your resume
- Review the letter and ask for revisions diplomatically

- Personal Statement, Essay, etc.

- This takes the place of a face-to-face interview
- Address the criteria of the school. Write in a formal, direct tone and check for accuracy and clarity
- Proofread, revise and make it your best effort

3) Applying for Scholarships

- The Application
 - Is the original required?
 - Blank spaces may be viewed as errors – if the answer is zero, say 0
 - **Type** where possible or print neatly in ink
 - Answer all questions to the best of your ability
- Assemble the Package (one week early)
 - Are all pages and documents enclosed?
 - Make a copy of everything
 - Check the order and put in an envelope

Do your research!

Visit:

- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- www.studentsuccess.hcdsb.org
- www.myblueprint.ca
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>
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