

GRADE 12 POST-SECONDARY PRESENTATION



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation Requirements
 - Total credits: You must have 30 credits to graduate (18 compulsory and 12 optional credits)
 - Literacy Test
 - Community Service Hours (40 hrs) due by **Friday April 30th 2027, for this year's current potential graduates**
 - ✓ Post Secondary Application Process
 - ✓ OYAP/Specialty programs
 - ✓ Scholarship/Awards



UNIVERSITY FAIRS

- The Ontario University Fair will take place this weekend, September 26-27, from 9:30 am – 5:00 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Information regarding these events can be found by visiting <https://www.ouevents.ca/>
- PIE – Ontario University Fair at Corpus Christi will take place on Friday Oct. 16th, 2026, periods one and two.

COLLEGE FAIRS

- Colleges do not have a centralized fair, however they have travelling fairs around the province
- <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/events/cip-schedule>
- The Ontario College Fair College and Apprenticeship Fair at Corpus Christi is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 3rd, 2026 during periods one and two

STUDENT LIFE EXPO

- ***BMO Student Life Expo: November 15, 2026***
- At the BMO Student Life Expo 2026, you'll meet representatives from universities, colleges, and organizations offering opportunities in education, careers, lifestyle, and travel. Hear from industry experts and successful alumni during engaging talks and panels, and get practical insights to help you make confident choices for your future
- <https://studentlifeexpo.com/>

STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

- Study and Go Abroad Fair – Toronto October 4, 2026
- Meet universities, colleges, and graduate schools from Canada and around the world – plus explore work, travel, volunteer, and gap year options abroad.
- <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/toronto/>

⚠ System Maintenance Notification: The OUAC applications will be unavailable on October 6, from 7 to 11 am. ✕

FIND THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITY PROGRAM THAT FITS YOUR FUTURE

Start your program search here



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Get Started | Choose Your Path To Action

Each path of university exploration looks different. Your background, traditions and community are strengths that can inform your decision. Regardless of where your journey begins, we are here to make sure you have the information you need.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR UNIVERSITY

To create an account, students will require their OEN number to create their own Username and Password.

Go to <https://www.ouac.on.ca> to apply.

When choosing an email, use a personal email and not the school gmail account.

The base application fee, covering the initial 3 program choices, for the Undergraduate Application will be \$159 for all applicants. Additional choices are \$51 each after the three.

Deadline for applying January 15th, 2027

There is a maximum of 3 program choice per university.



- Your top 6 grade 12 U/M marks will be used, including prerequisites to determine your admission average.
- ALL marks are sent electronically – you do NOT have to provide a paper transcript to any Ontario university (if you are taking a credit at a private institution, you must have the private school add it to your account and submit your final report card to Student Services in order for the mark to be included in our system).
- Universities will review:
Grade 11 marks and your Grade 12 marks
Grades will be shared with the universities using the timeline below:

Grades are transmitted in November 2026, February, May, July and August 2027



MARKS

- Full disclosure of marks (this includes failed courses and withdraws after the full disclosure date)
- University : 6 grade 12 U or M level course (ENG4U being one most of the time)
- There are a few programs that require a certain number of U level courses

OUAC Application, Offer and Response Deadlines

January 15, 2027

The deadline for Group A applicants to submit their completed applications to the OUAC.

Note: The OUAC will continue to process applications received after this date and distribute them to the Ontario universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

May 28, 2027

The latest date all Group A applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline 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 1, 2027

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

All other admission-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 1, 2026, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.

For more information and important dates please visit [ouac.on.ca](https://www.ouac.on.ca) and <https://www.ouac.on.ca/deadlines/>



UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Check <https://ouinfo.ca/>
2. Minimum # of courses needed to apply (6 Grade 12 U/M courses)
3. What is the admission average?
4. Pre-requisite courses. i.e., ENG4U, MHF4U, SCH4U etc.
5. Do prerequisites courses have a minimum average?
6. Additional admission criteria: audition, portfolio, interview, essay, supplementary application

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Why carry more than 6 grade 12 U/M courses?
- Night school/online courses/repeated courses
- All offers are conditional!! There will be an average that you must maintain.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW.....

- If you are taking a course outside of Corpus it is ***your responsibility*** to provide Student Services with an official report card.
- 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.

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.
- Visit <https://www.rmc-cmr.ca/en/registrars-office/admissions> for more information

OUT OF PROVINCE AFFILIATES

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.



UNIVERSITY APPLICATION – NEXT STEPS

Before you start the application, please take the time to watch the “How to Videos”

- <https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/>

Also read over the section - Undergraduate Application Guide

- <https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide/>





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 Search for Programs at Colleges



WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?

- Diversity of programs - over 5000+ programs across 200+ areas of study
- Smaller class sizes/Hands on work experience
- 86% of students found employment with College certificates/diplomas in 2023-2024
- 40% of all new jobs created within the next decade will be in skilled trades and technology
- The number of university grads enrolled in colleges has increased by more than 40% over 5 years
- Offer joint university degree programs with easier entry than university
- Ontario's colleges are leaders in technology and workforce development
- *Source: Skills Canada and ontariocolleges.ca*



THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE PROGRAMS?

- **One-year certificate programs** that help you build skills and get working fast
- **Two and three-year diploma programs** that prepare you for the career you would like
- **Graduate certificate programs** that build on the education you already have
- Diverse **College trades and Apprenticeship programs**
- Over **200 degree programs**
- **Transition programs/Bridging programs** such as General Arts and Science for **two years** and then transfer to university (check transfer agreements)

ONTARIO COLLEGES AND SKILLED TRADES

- If you're interested in the trades, a college program is a great place to start working toward your career.
- plumbing, auto mechanic, carpentry, hairstylist and esthetician, baker, computer hardware technician, educational assistant, network cabling technician, special events coordinator, vet tech ***are some examples***
- Not only will you learn from skilled and experienced tradespeople, but you will also benefit from a network of industry connections that can lead to apprenticeships and jobs.
- *Source: Ontariocolleges.ca*



DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

- Two or three years in a 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



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/BRIDGING/DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Earn a degree and a diploma at the same time from the partner schools in four years (college and university components)
- Examples: **Nursing, Journalism, Game Design, Business Administration, Commerce, Food Studies, Animation**
- Will require 6 U/M level courses



COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- You will apply to college on the following website: www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Create an account
- You can apply to 5 program choices (no more than 3 programs for one college). There is a \$150 application processing fee.
- Colleges will use **both grade 11 and 12** courses to determine admission.
- 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, 2027.**
- **It is strongly recommended that you apply as soon as possible for programs that are highly competitive**
- Colleges also have university degree programs. They will require 6 grade 12 u/m courses. The program will tell you if you are applying using OUAC or OCAS

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

- Be sure to watch the video on how to apply to college before starting
- <https://www.ocas.ca/support/college-partners/how-to-apply-video-college-partners>
- Remember to use a personal email and not the board provided gmail account
- You will require your OEN number to apply
- College applications will begin on September 26, 2026

OYAP AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

- For those students who aren't 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
- **What is OYAP?**

In Halton, students have two options to participate in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP):

OYAP Co-op

Participating in a cooperative education placement in any of the 144 Ontario apprentice trades

Concentrated OYAP

Students can take any of our Concentrated OYAP programs. These pre-trade programs give students the knowledge and experience necessary to start their career in one of the many skilled trades.



OYAP AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

- Why Take OYAP?
- OYAP allows you to explore and find the right career for you. And if you discover you want to change direction you can, because many skills are transferable. Skilled trades people feel a sense of accomplishment seeing the results of their efforts at the end of the day.
- For more information about OYAP programs throughout Halton Region visit:
- <https://www.haltonpathways.ca>

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJORS (SHSM)

- The Specialist High Skills Major is a program which gives students a focus in their senior high school years that leads to all post-secondary destinations (apprenticeship, college, university, and work).
- At the conclusion of the program, students will receive a special Red Seal diploma and transcript as evidence of their completion of a Specialist High Skills Major.
- If you know that you will not complete your SHSM, it is important to remove this program. You will not be entered as a graduate if you are enrolled in SHSM but have not met the requirements and you could lose your offer to a university/college. Please see your guidance counsellor if you know that you will not complete your requirements.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Visit our website:
- <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/corpuschristi/students/scholarship-applications/>
- REGISTER ON....
 - www.studentawards.com
 - www.scholarshipscanada.com
- **The Scholarship Report** - For access to The Scholarship Report Library please visit Student Services to receive login information
- <https://seekingscholarships.com/>
- Many scholarships are time sensitive with concrete deadlines so you must be organized
- Some scholarships limit the number of applicants per school. These will require a nomination process.



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, Corpus Leaders, etc.
- Volunteer work at school or in the community

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Entrance scholarships
 - Automatic...based on admission average (80% or higher) and may be renewable
 - University/College scholarships needing application
 - Check the college/university Financial Aid Office websites or look in ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca and ontariocolleges.ca
- 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

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you qualify?

- Check the criteria carefully
- Principal's nomination?
- Limit on number from each school?

Due Dates

- Count on doing everything a week early

➤ Academic Information

- Official transcript (ask Mrs. Howitt in Guidance at least a week in advance)
- Ontario Student Status Report (ask your guidance counsellor)

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- **References**

- Who to ask? (ask someone in a position of responsibility who will say great things about you)
- Give them ample time (at least a couple of weeks) 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 (Ask your guidance counsellor or others to edit and improve it)



APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- **The Application**
 - Is the original required? Is it an online application?
 - 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 or submit online

DO YOUR RESEARCH!

Visit:

- <https://ouinfo.ca/>
- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- <https://studentsuccess.hcdsb.org/>
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>
- Visit fairs and college and university open houses
- Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.

