

# Grade 12 What's Next

During Covid-19

# Information from OCAS - Impacts of Covid-19

Ontariocolleges.ca is assuring college applicants and education partners are continuing to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and are adhering to best practices and recommendations for health and safety.

For the most recent information on the steps they are taking as well as answers to common questions regarding the college application visit [ontariocolleges.ca](https://ontariocolleges.ca) COVID-19 information page.

A full list of college websites can be found on their [Contact the Colleges](#) page

# ontariocolleges.ca Office Closure



The [ontariocolleges.ca](https://ontariocolleges.ca) office is currently closed.



Their team continues to deliver all services remotely, including support via telephone, chat, or email.

## Applying to College / Accepting an Offer of Admission

OCAS will confirm that you can still apply to college and accept offers of admission through [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca).

Please continue to use their website and search for programs and explore what they have to offer.

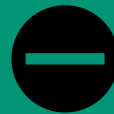
# Transcript Requests / Mark Uploads



HCDSB uploads all of your marks to OCAS.



Your second semester midterm marks have been uploaded to OCAS and another upload of your finals will be uploaded at the beginning of July.



This process is completely automated and will therefore continue as normal.



If you plan on taking a summer school course, please contact the college you are applying to and ask them if they will accept a summer school mark for admission.

# How do I confirm my offer?



To confirm an offer, log in to your account and go to the View Offers screen.



Click on the “Confirm Offer” button next to the offer you wish to accept.



Then, when you’re sure, click “Yes, I do wish to confirm this offer”.



Your offer is then considered accepted and OCAS will notify the college of your decision.



You will also receive an email confirmation from [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca).

## Can you tell me if I have been offered admission to a program?



If a college has made you an offer of admission, they will post it in your account under View Offers.



Check regularly to see if an offer has come in.



Keep in mind OCAS does not receive information about whether students have been declined or wait-listed for a program.



If you're concerned that you haven't received an offer, contact the colleges directly.

# June 2020: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges



The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program.



Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline.



This information will be communicated to you by the college.



# Ontario University Updates

- The OUAC and Ontario universities continue to monitor developments in Canada and globally with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The universities will work to be as flexible as possible with processes and deadlines to minimize the impact any disruptions may have on your application.
- Continue to monitor the OUAC and university websites for updates and specific information related to your application.

# University Tours and Events



The schedule of tours and events at each university is subject to change.



For the most up-to-date information, contact the universities directly.

## Undergrad (101): Can my high school submit my current semester grades as my midterm grades?

Applications: COVID-19, Undergrad (101)

- HCDSB has uploaded your semester 2 midterm marks
- Final grades will be uploaded to OUAC at the beginning of July
- Students planning on taking a summer school course will need to contact the university they are applying to see if they will accept the summer school mark.
- Some universities will accept them, and some may not.

Undergrad (101): How will the impact of current high school closures on midterm grades affect my application? Will the deadline for high schools to submit midterm grades to the OUAC be moved as a result of COVID-19?

In recognition of the many challenges we are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in consultation with the universities and the Ministry of Education, the OUAC has extended the April deadline for high schools to report grades.

High schools can report grades to the OUAC by early May. During the month of May, universities will make conditional offers of admission based on the academic results available. All semester 2 midterm marks have been uploaded to OUAC.

The universities will work to be as flexible as possible with processes and deadlines to minimize the impact any disruptions may have on applications.

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## Applications: COVID-19, Undergrad (101)

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### Undergrad (101):

There are mistakes on my transcript, and I am concerned this will negatively affect my application.

What should I do?

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If you notice that something on your OUAC account does not seem right, please contact your guidance counsellor.

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We can make any necessary corrections to your grades.

Undergrad (101): Will universities honour offers to students who have not written the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) or not completed their community service/volunteer hours?

- Applications: COVID-19, Undergrad (101)
- Due to the extraordinary circumstances facing the province, the Ministry of Education has cancelled all Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments for the 2019-2020 school year.
- As a result, the successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, which is a requirement to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, has been waived for students eligible for graduation this year.

I didn't pass my English-language proficiency test. Since most universities have an April deadline for this requirement, is there another way I can provide proof of my English-language proficiency?

- Applications: COVID-19, Undergrad (101)
- The universities will assist applicants who have been unable to take an English proficiency test due to the closure of English-language testing centres as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Specific information related to your application is available on the universities' websites.

# Financial Commitment : June 1, 2020



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 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, 2020, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.



I've been  
accepted...

Questions you need to ask.

How do I pay?

Credit Card, online banking, telephone banking, or cheque

What is the processing time for my payment option?

Is my deposit non-refundable?

When are the rest of my fees due?

I've been  
accepted...



But I need money...



Apply for OSAP



Visit <http://osap.gov.on.ca> and  
become familiar with procedures



Speak to your parents/guardians

# Where do I live?



Questions you need to ask....



Is residence guaranteed? If not, what do I do?



What type of room do I want to apply to?



What are the costs for the different styles?



What is the meal plan?



When is my residence deposit due? Are there changes because of Covid-19?

What courses will I be taking when I'm at college or university?



FIND OUT WHEN YOU CAN START TO SELECT YOUR COURSES



BE AWARE OF YOUR PROGRAM PRE-REQ'S



BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY - MOST HAVE A FIRST YEAR START UP PROGRAM

# Does it matter what happens for the rest of the semester?



All offers are conditional - based on final grades



Be aware of the conditions of the offer



They will rescind the offer if you do not meet the requirements.



Some scholarships will alter based on final grades; you may have to tell the university your grades have gone up.

## Will they count summer school courses in 2020?

- You usually need to ask (usually in writing) for permission of the college/university to use an upcoming summer school course for admission purposes.
- It will be your responsibility to make sure the summer school grade is added to your transcript and that a transcript is mailed or emailed to the appropriate institution



- Electronic transfer in mid July.
- If you are currently taking a course privately or with another school board you must notify your Guidance Counsellor, so that it is entered for the final transfer of grades.
- These marks must be sent to your Guidance Counsellor directly via email from the institution you are taking your course through by June 19, 2020. This procedure has been modified because of COVID-19.

How do the schools get my final grades?

# What if I have an IEP?

None of your information is transferred to the college or university. You must disclose to the college or university if you would like accommodations.

It is to your advantage to pass this information on to the school you are attending in the summer prior to attending.

It is your responsibility to have a copy of your current assessment to provide to the institution.

<http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/>



# How about if I'm not ready to go?



Some universities will offer a deferral, however you must accept the offer prior to asking for a deferral.



Always check with the university prior to making that final decision.

# Scholarships

Visit our website <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/sta/>

[ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) (under finance)

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

<http://www.findmyscholarships.com/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/student-financial-aid.html>

<http://www.fundyourfuture.ca/>

[Scholartree.ca](http://Scholartree.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.