

Applying to College



OCAS

Do your Research and Apply

**Learn more about Colleges
in Ontario by visiting
www.ontariocolleges.ca**

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Reminders

#1 - Search for programs using the **program finder** tool.

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/programs>

#2 - Link directly within the search tool to a specific **College's programs website**.

Practical Nursing (1077)

Conestoga | Campus: Kitchener-Doon | Full Time | Sep 2023 | ● Open | [Website](#) 



#3 - Watch the following video called ***“How to Apply to Public Colleges in Ontario”*** to learn more about the process.



Application Process

Click on the link to be taken to the application site.
<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply>

— Reminders —

#1 - **Create your own account / password.** Write it down and keep it safe. You will need this password to accept your offers.

When creating your OCAS account, use your personal email address.

#2 - You can apply to **5 programs total.**

No more than 3 programs at one specific College.

#3 - The application costs **\$110.**



4 - When you apply, be sure to **check the program start date.**

Are you applying for the Sept. 2023 or Jan. 2024 admission?

Equal Consideration Date

Apply before February 1, 2023, the equal consideration date.

Equal consideration date - February 1, 2023. This date is the deadline for applying to highly competitive programs if you want your application to be considered on an equal basis with all other applicants. After the equal consideration date, applications for open program spaces will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

We strongly encourage you to apply over the Holiday Break before we return to school in the new year.

Important Dates



Application Deadline: February 1, 2023

Offers: November 1, 2022 - Earliest date the Colleges may send offers of admission.

Acceptances: November 1, 2022 - Earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission.

Confirming Offers of Admission: May 1, 2023 - Most common deadline for confirming offers of admission but Colleges may have their own dates. Check your offers of admission for **exact deadline dates**.

Tuition: June 1, 2023 - Colleges require payment to secure your spot. This is the earliest date that Colleges may require payment of tuition fees. (usually \$500.)

Reminders

Check for additional application requirements or admission procedures when applying. These could include a portfolio, an interview, attending an information session, completing an online assessment (e.g., Casper test) etc.

These are mandatory components of your application!

Check your email regularly
and carefully!

Monitor your OCAS account
for updates

Review the Frequently Asked Questions on the Ontario Colleges website for more information
<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/faq> & <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/faq/offers-of-admission>

Applying to OSAP

While filling out the application, you will be asked if you are applying to OSAP.

Click  **yes to apply for OSAP**

By clicking  yes, your College **and** OSAP applications will be linked.

Financial assistance from OSAP usually includes loan money (*i.e., money that must be paid back*) and also bursary or “free” money (*i.e., money that does not need to be paid back*).

You do not have to take the loan money in order to accept the bursary money.

An OSAP number is usually required to work on campus.

Visit the OSAP website for more information.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

Applying to OSAP continued

Huron Heights will be inviting an **OSAP specialist** to an information session in **May 2023**.

You **do not** apply for OSAP until you have been accepted into your program

REMINDER: Try the **OSAP AID ESTIMATOR** to see the amount financial assistance you may be eligible for.

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Questions?



Please book a Guidance appointment to speak with your counsellor.

Go to the HHSS webpage, click on the **guidance tab** at the top of the page and scroll down to your counsellor's name to make an appointment.

Sometimes these big decisions about your future can be overwhelming. Take a deep breath, be kind to yourself and reach out for support.

We are here to help!