



LEARNING GOALS

Think about your future!

Learn how to research for apprenticeships, college programs, workplace, and university programs

Have an updated online IPP

Be prepared for grade 12 course selection in February

OSSD REQUIREMENTS

30 CREDITS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

LITERACY COMPONENT

18 COMPULSORY
12 ELECTIVE CREDITS
GROUPS 1, 2, & 3

40 HOURS ARE
COMPLETED AND
RECORDED IN
GUIDANCE

NOVEMBER 2023 or **OLC40I** next year

- Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor if you want to verify your OSSD requirements
- → Grade 12 course selection time will be in February

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

- → WODSS has TWO SHSM programs:
 - Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
 - Agriculture
- Program Details:
 https://wod.wrdsb.ca/guidance-3/specialist-high-skills-major/
- → Involves a series of course requirements, online certificates, and 2 or 4-credits in co-op



PATHWAY OPTIONS

- Apprenticeship
- → College
- → University
- → Workplace
- → Visit the <u>W-0 Guidance</u>
 Site



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 presentation on the W-O Guidance site under Pathway Planning

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)



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

COLLEGE PROGRAMS

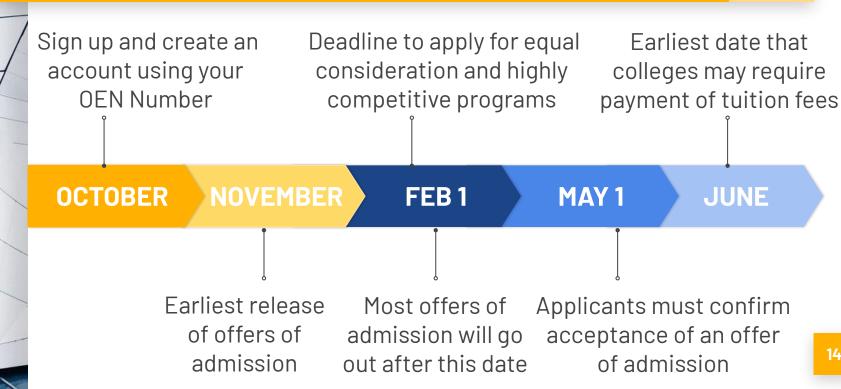
What program type is right for you?

- → Certificate | 8 to 12 months
- → Diploma & Advanced Diploma | 2-3 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

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
- → Conestoga College adds 10% to final marks to 4U required credits for diploma programs
- → More information is available in the presentation on the W-O Guidance site under Pathway Planning

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS





UNIVERSITY

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
- → Require applicants to have SIX 4U/4M courses including ENG4U
 - Required vs. recommended courses
- → More information is available in the presentation on the W-O Guidance site under **Pathway Planning**

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- → 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 29

JUNE 3

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

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 - December 1, 2023

Semester 2 Courses - May 10, 2024



SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

- → Post-secondary education is an investment
- → Most entrance and merit scholarships are based on your entrance average of required courses
 - Top 4U/M required courses
- → It can be worthwhile to apply for <u>OSAP</u> after applying to post-secondary programs to see what types of grants and loans you may be eligible for
- → Visit the <u>W-O Guidance</u> site for the section on Scholarships & Financial Aid



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
 - <u>Lutherwood Employment Center</u>
- → Many online sites are devoted to helping you find meaningful employment. Here are a couple of sites:
 - Indeed.ca
 - Monster.ca

THE GOAL OF YOUR IPP

