



SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

IT'S YOUR FUTURE. TAKE CHARGE!!

To help you in choosing your Post Secondary Destination, please be reminded you can consult a number of resources:

- ▶ **Book 4 - Plan Your Education** (completed in your Grade 10 Career class and stored in the Guidance Office, for students in OSS. - present Grade 12's) or **The Educational Planner** (completed by Grade 10's through the Guidance office and stored in the Guidance office for students in OSIS - present OAC's)
- ▶ www.careercruising.com - site has an interest questionnaire along with school/program information and specific career information. User name is holycross. Password is bell.
- ▶ www.schoolfinder.com - site is a guide to schools, scholarships and careers.
- ▶ www.ocas.on.ca - site has information on Ontario's Community Colleges, their programs and links to the Colleges themselves.
- ▶ www.ouac.on.ca - site has information on Ontario's universities, the application process, etc.
- ▶ www.pennybissett.com - educational options beyond, ie. Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, U.S.
- ▶ <http://osca.ouac.on.ca/studres.htm> - links to Colleges, Universities, career Development & Resume tips.
- ▶ www.skilledtrades.ca - site on Apprenticeship programs or Call 1-888-JobGrow
- ▶ www.red-seal.ca - provides greater mobility across Canada for skilled workers - info on apprenticeship & trades.
- ▶ www.studentawards.com & www.scholarshipscanada.com - access to thousands of scholarships, bursaries, fellowships, grants & other financial awards.
- ▶ www.gotocollege.ca - site has been designed to assist students and parents with information and provides links to institutional websites.
- ▶ www.osap.gov.on.ca - student loans, Millennium bursaries, on-line application & program & school selection advice.
- ▶ www.ocutg.on.ca - transferring from College program to University, program/agreements search.
- ▶ www.jobfutures.ca - designed to help make informed educational, employment & career decisions.

Computers are available for student use in the Guidance Department. The Guidance Department also has hard copies of College and University calendars and guidelines etc. available for loan. Information is also on hand for apprenticeship opportunities and school-to-work programs.



WORK

Transition to work creates the opportunity to earn money and learn skills on the job.

APPRENTICESHIP

A training program in a registered trade whereby apprentices are paid during the training period (usually about 3 years). Approximately three quarters of the apprenticeship period involves on-the-job training under the supervision of a qualified tradesperson. The remaining time is spent doing theory/course work related only to that trade.

APPRENTICE

An individual learning the trade.

JOURNEYMAN

A qualified individual responsible for training an apprentice.

COLLEGE

College Programs are concerned with applied education/training for a specific area of employment. Fees for College are generally less than university and programs are of shorter duration. There is more often a direct link from a College program to the workplace/employment than from University programs

1. Diploma Programs - are 2 or 3 years in length and can qualify students to transfer to University degree programs. Graduates of 2-year programs are often called **TECHNICIANS**, 3-year graduates are **TECHNOLOGISTS**.
2. Certificate Programs - are of shorter duration (15 weeks - 10 months) and normally qualify students for a specific job/career.

UNIVERSITY

University programs are primarily academic in nature and place a greater emphasis on theory. They can lead to professional qualifications (Architect, Nurse, etc.), however, they can also provide a general education in a subject area (history degree). Three levels of programs exist at the University level, all of which award **DEGREES** upon completion. A minimum overall average of 60% in six Grade 12U* courses will be necessary for consideration for admission to an Ontario university. Most universities and/or programs will have higher admission averages.

1. Bachelor's Degree -BA or BSc usually in language-based subjects (**Bachelor of Arts**) or Science related areas (**Bachelor of Science**). These are for students who are working towards their first university degree (**UNDERGRADUATE**).
2. Master's Degree - MA or MSc for students who wish further study/qualification and who have successfully completed their Bachelor's program.
3. Doctorate Degree - PhD for highly successful Master's students who have completed their program a further level is possible and leads to the PhD qualification.
4. Students who work beyond the Bachelor's level are called **GRADUATE** students.