



Planning for Success

My Guide to University Preparation

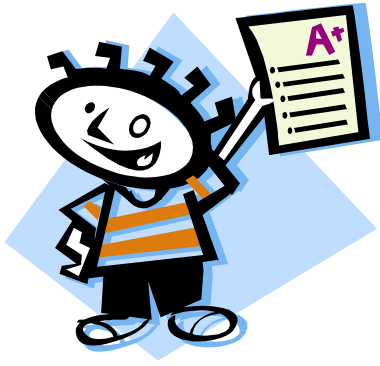
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SECONDARY SCHOOL





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum course requirements for admission to a Degree Program at an Ontario University or an Applied Degree Program at an Ontario College is:

- ENG4U and 5 other 4U or 4M courses

* many programs have additional course requirements. Please consult www.electronicinfo.ca and www.ontariocolleges.ca for a complete list of course requirements.

** ALL programs have minimum “cut-off” marks. Please consult www.electronicinfo.ca and www.ontariocolleges.ca for a complete list of “cut-off” marks.



Steps to Effective Decision Making

1. **Be Organized.** Start a file to keep all of my information.
2. **INFO** will be the best starting point for compiling information.
3. **Verify my Academic History** with my Guidance Counsellor.
4. **Obtain my OUAC Login Information** from my Guidance Counsellor.
5. My **Program Choices** should be my first consideration.
6. Generate a list of **Post-Secondary Institutions** where my program is offered.
7. List the **Admission Requirements** for each program and school. They are different for each.
8. Note last year's **Cut-Off Mark** for each program and school. These cut-off marks can change from year to year.
9. **Prepare Questions** for University Representatives when they visit.
10. **Attend Presentations** from Universities of potential choices.
11. **Visit Campuses** of potential choices.
12. Begin to **Eliminate Choices** by considering size of school, residence options, distance from home, etc.
13. Prepare my **Final List of Program Choices**.
14. **Complete the Online Application by Jan. 14th.** Ensure that Supplementary Applications are submitted and Deadlines are met.

Estimating the Cost of My Education



Please note that these are estimated costs.



Tuition (Annual)	\$6000 (minimum)
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Books	\$1200
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Housing and Meals	\$7500
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<u>Transportation / Lifestyle</u>	<u>\$2000</u>
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ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$16700
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INTERNET RESOURCES

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:

www.ouac.on.ca - Ontario University Application Centre

www.electronicinfo.ca—a searchable database of University programs in Ontario

www.ontransfer.ca - Ontario College University Transfer Guide

www.ouf.ca - Ontario University Fair

www.ontariocolleges.ca - Ontario College Application Service

www.aucc.ca - Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

www.cudo.ca - statistics about enrolment and employment rates

FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

www.canlearn.ca - a one step resource for students

www.studentawards.com - lists government, institutional and private awards

www.scholarshipscanada.com - a searchable database of Canadian scholarships

SELF ASSESSMENT / TEST BANKS / INTEREST SURVEYS:

www.careercruising.com - Careercruising

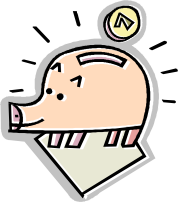
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/career/ - Career Gateway

www.mazemaster.ca - Human Resources Development Canada

www.keirseych.com - Keirseych Temperament Sorter

www.jobfutures.ca - Database showing Future trends in the Job Market

www.osca.ca - Ontario School Counsellors' Association



FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSAP)

The **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)** offers two kinds of money:

- grants: money you don't have to pay back
- a student loan you need to repay

Both the Ontario government and federal government provide this money.

Through **one** OSAP application, you have access to a mix of different financial aid programs, depending on your circumstances.

If you apply for OSAP, you are automatically considered for **30% off your tuition**, too. You don't need to apply separately.

You can get OSAP to attend a public or private postsecondary school located anywhere in the world, as long as it's approved for OSAP.

How much can I get?

The amount of money you can get depends on:

- **Your education expenses:** the amount of money you need to cover tuition, books, child care, personal living expenses, supplies and equipment.
- **Your personal financial situation:** how much you and your family are expected to contribute, based on income and other factors.
- **Your course load:** full or part-time.

The basic formula is:

Allowed education expenses – money you're expected to contribute = financial need

Maximum amount

The maximum amount you can get for one academic year (two terms) for a typical, **full-time** student who is single with no dependents is \$12,240.

30% OFF TUITION GRANT:

Money you don't have to repay if you are proceeding from high school to a public university or college. Students who apply for OSAP are automatically considered.

For 2014-15, the amount of the grant is as follows:

- \$1780 for university and college degree students
- \$ 820 for college diploma students



IMPORTANT DATES

University Events:

September 22nd	University Presentation (Applicants)	Period 2
September 24th	King's College	12:45 pm
September 24th	Post-Secondary INFO Parents' Night	7:00 pm
September 25th	University of Ottawa	12:45 pm
September 27/28	Ontario Universities' Fair 2013	Metro Toronto Convention Centre
September 29th	University of Toronto	12:45 pm
September 30th	McMaster University	12:45 pm
October 1st	Lakehead University	12:45 pm
October 2nd	Nipissing University	12:45 pm
October 3rd	Laurentian University	12:45 pm
October 6th	Carleton University	12:45 pm
October 9th	University Information Presentation (UIP) @ Twin Lakes	6:30 pm
October 14th	Trent University	12:45 pm
October 16th	University of Guelph@Humber	12:45 pm
October 20th	Brescia University College	12:45 pm
October 21st	Ryerson University	12:45 pm
October 23rd	University of Windsor	12:45 pm
October 24th	Algoma University	12:45 pm
October 27th	Wilfrid Laurier University	12:45 pm
October 28th	Brock University	1 pm
October 29th	University of Guelph	12:45 pm
October 30th	Cape Breton University	12:45 pm
November 10th	University of Western Ontario	12:45 pm
November 17th	Lakehead University	12:45 pm
November 24th	UOIT	12:45 pm

- January 7th is suggested deadline to complete OUAC application. (Jan 14th is actual deadline)
- February 3rd is recommended date to make all application changes
- Payment - OUAC - \$140.00 for 3 choices /\$47.00 for each additional choice.
- May 28th is the last date by which an applicant should expect a response from a university.
- June 1st is the earliest date by which a university shall require a response from an offer of admission.



IMPORTANT DATES

College Events:

September 25th	College Info Assembly (Applicants)	Period 2
September 25th	Post-Secondary INFO Parents' Night	7:00 pm
October 3rd (Orillia Campus)	C.I.P. @ Georgian College	12:30-2:00 pm
October 7th	Georgian College	12:45 pm
October 10th	Canadore College	12:45 pm
October 22nd	Humber College	12:45 pm
November 18th	Algonquin College	12:45 pm

NOTES:

January 21st - Suggested deadline to complete OCAS Application

February 1st - All applications must be received by OCAS on or before this date for equal consideration

** Payment - OCAS - \$95.00 for a maximum of 5 choices - no more than 3 program choices at any one college



Possible Questions for School Reps

Admission and Selection:

- 1.) What are the pre-requisites or entrance requirements for the program?
- 2.) Besides required courses, what other courses are required?
- 3.) Is this program oversubscribed? How are the applicants selected?
- 4.) If I don't get into this program, will there be an alternate offer of admission?

Program Outline:

- 1.) What are the career options for graduates from this program?
- 2.) How does this program compare to similar programs at other schools?
- 3.) Are there any articulation agreements with other schools for graduates of this program to proceed to further education?

Class Size, Hours, Location:

- 1.) How many hours of class time can I expect per day / week?
- 2.) When do classes start and end?
- 3.) What is the average class size for students in this program?
- 4.) Are there mandatory seminar classes or labs in addition to regular classes?

Co-op / Field Placements:

- 1.) Is there co-op available for this program? What are the entrance requirements?
- 2.) What are the benefits of doing a co-op option for my program?
- 3.) Are the co-op placements directly related to my field?

Accommodations:

- 1.) Does your school have a residence? What is the cost of residence?
- 2.) Is residence guaranteed for first year students?
- 3.) What meal plans are offered? What is the cost of the meal plans?
- 4.) What type of off campus housing is available?

Expenses:

- 1.) What is the cost of tuition? Are there additional fees?
- 2.) Is there financial aid available?
- 3.) Are there entrance scholarships or bursaries for my program?

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- 1.) What experiences do you offer students (e.g.-recreational, cultural, athletic, etc)