

Where does your path lead after NDSS?



College

GENERAL INFO:

- ✓ Programs are usually 2, sometimes 3, years in length
- ✓ You earn a **diploma** (or a **certificate** for one- year programs)
- ✓ Many colleges offer **Bachelor** or **Applied Degree** programs where you earn a University-level degree (4yrs) in a college setting

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- ✓ Strong Grade 12 results, particularly in English (ENG 4C or 4U) refer to www.ontariocolleges.ca or college calendars in People Place for specific program requirements (additional prerequisites are often required in Science- or Technology-based programs)
- ✓ Bachelor or Applied Degree programs require six Grade 12 U or M level courses (English must be an ENG4U)

APPLYING TO COLLEGE:

- ✓ Fee to apply this year is \$150.00
- ✓ This fee gets you 5 spaces on the application form (you can apply to up to 3 programs at one school)
- ✓ Applications completed on-line (through People Place) in November and December (usually before Winter Break)
- ✓ All applications in by Feb. 1st receive “equal consideration”
- ✓ May 1st is the deadline for accepting an offer

TUITION: (the fee to attend a college program)

- ✓ \$3000.00+ per year (Bachelor and Applied Degree programs can be \$6000.00 +)
- ✓ Additional fees associated with residence, meal plans, books, technology / tools, etc. are not included in tuition

WHERE TO LOOK FOR HELP:

- ✓ www.ontariocolleges.ca, or specific college websites
- ✓ Resource Wall in People Place
- ✓ www.osca.ca, “Students” tab

university

GENERAL INFO:

- ✓ Programs are either 3 or 4 (Honours) years in length
- ✓ You earn an *undergraduate degree* (i.e., *BA* – Bachelor of Arts, *BSc* – Bachelor of Science)
- ✓ Following an undergrad degree, you can go on to earn a *post-graduate* degree (i.e., *Master's*, *PhD*, *BEd*, etc.)
- ✓ Many **colleges** offer **Bachelor** or **Applied Degree** programs where you earn a University degree in a college setting

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with a minimum of **six 4U or 4M courses (one must be ENG 4U)**
- ✓ Many programs have very specific Grade 12 prerequisites
- ✓ Admission average is calculated using your “top 6” 4U/M marks **including ENG 4U and all program prerequisites**
- ✓ Early offers are based on Grade 11 U/M marks

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY:

- ✓ Fee to apply this year is \$156.00
- ✓ This fee gets you 3 spaces on the application form
- ✓ You can add additional choices for \$50 a program
- ✓ Applications completed on-line (through People Place) in November and December (usually before Winter Break)
- ✓ Application deadline is early in January
- ✓ Early offers can begin before Christmas (based on Gr. 11 marks), with the majority of offers arriving in March - May
- ✓ Early June is the deadline for accepting an offer

TUITION: (the fee to attend a university program)

- ✓ \$7000.00+ per year plus ancillary fees
- ✓ Additional fees associated with residence, meal plans, books, technology / tools, etc. are not included in tuition

WHERE TO LOOK FOR HELP:

- ✓ www.ouinfo.ca or specific school websites
- ✓ Resource Wall in People Place
- ✓ www.osca.ca, “Students” tab

apprenticeship

GENERAL INFO:

- ✓ A hands-on training program in the Skilled Trades
- ✓ About 80% of apprenticeship training involves on-the-job training and the independent practice of skills through a registered sponsor/employer
- ✓ About 20% of training involves formal academic study, most often at a college (roughly 800+ hours)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- ✓ Grade 12 English and Math are also strongly recommended
- ✓ *Related* education and work experience are **very** important

MOST COMMON ROUTES TO AN APPRENTICESHIP:

- ✓ Most apprenticeships take between 2 and 5 years
- ✓ The “**traditional route**” to apprenticeship involves finding an employer sponsor. Once you are 18 years of age, you can register online with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. If your application is approved, the Ministry creates a training agreement for you and your sponsor and registers your apprenticeship. Once this step happens, you have 90 days to apply for Membership with the Ontario College of Trades – which is a requirement to begin work as an apprentice. Students under the age of 18, must complete a hard copy of the application and have the consent of a parent or guardian.
- ✓ Students without an employer connection may consider the “**college route**” into an apprenticeship. This route involves applying to a Skilled Trades diploma program at a college which often includes a hands-on, placement component. After completion of the program, employer sponsorship is sought and the above process can begin.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- ✓ While in high school, students can begin an apprenticeship through the ***Ontario Youth Apprentice Program (OYAP)***.
- ✓ Expanded Opportunities such as Coop credits, Dual Credits, Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), can also be very beneficial in preparing for an apprenticeship

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- ✓ There are many provincial and federal supports for apprentices.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR HELP:

- ✓ Check out the resources at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario> for lots of helpful information
- ✓ See a Guidance Counsellor or Mr. Campeau

GENERAL INFO:

- ✓ An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) is strongly recommended
- ✓ Taking a good variety of courses
- ✓ Strong final marks are very helpful, especially in English
- ✓ All experiences can be an asset:
 - Coop placements
 - Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
 - Dual Credits
 - Volunteer experiences
 - Extra-curricular involvement in school and community
 - Part-time jobs

APPLYING FOR JOBS:

- ✓ Prepare a solid, thorough resume
- ✓ Have references available (be sure to get permission)
- ✓ Give consideration to your appearance, manners, etc.
- ✓ Prepare both to *be asked*, and to *ask your own* questions during an interview
- ✓ Research potential employers

WHERE TO LOOK FOR HELP:

- ✓ www.osca.ca, “Students” tab
- ✓ www.myblueprint.ca/limestone
- ✓ Check the “Post-Secondary Resources” table in People Place
- ✓ Check out the resources in My BluePrint



