

Tips for Applying – College Programs

1. Application process:

- In order to apply to an Ontario College, students must be in the process of obtaining their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Students should begin their research into college programs immediately by searching the www.ontariocolleges.ca website. It is highly recommended that you research the college program and the courses you will be studying.
- First transmission from the school to OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Service) consists of your biographics and Grade 9, 10 and 11 marks.
- Second transmission occurs by **November 18th** and includes Semester 1 mid-term marks.
- You will need your OEN in order to apply to Colleges. This OEN number is located at the top of your report cards.
- The College Application deadline is February 1st.
- Colleges will send out **conditional** acceptances mid-February until the end of the school year. All acceptances at this point are based on the understanding that the student's marks will **not fall below the stated acceptable range for the program.**
- Final offers to programs will not happen until final grades from Semester 2 are submitted. In July, final grade submissions are made and at that point, the colleges will re-evaluate their offers of admission.

This means that students must maintain their marks until the end of the year.

2. College programs:

- Post-secondary: 1 year certificate
- Post-secondary: 2 year diploma/3 year diploma
- Graduate certificate- also called ***a post-diploma program***- High school students are **not eligible** for these programs as a college diploma or a university degree is required as a pre-requisite.
- Bachelor's degree- students will need 6 Grade 12 U/M courses to apply for these programs at colleges.

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THEIR INFORMATION ON THE OCAS WEB-SITE ON A REGULAR BASIS, PARTICULARLY AFTER EACH TRANSMISSION.