

Tips for Applying – College Programs

1. Application process:

- In order to apply to an Ontario College, students must be in the process of obtaining the Secondary School Diploma.
- Students should begin their research into college programs through: www.ontariocolleges.ca, use the FIND link to begin your research. The Career-cruising web-site is also useful: www.career-cruising.com. Thorough research requires investigating the actual courses you will be taking during this program. It is highly recommended that you also research the individual college web-sites.
- First transmission from the school to OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Service) takes place in November. This consists of your biographics and Grade 9, 10 and 11 marks.
- Application workshops will take place at the end of November, you will need your OEN number which will be supplied by the Guidance office, but is also on all report cards. All students should have completed their application by Christmas.
- The second transmission takes place after 1st semester final marks have been entered. Some students will receive early acceptance (**conditional**) based on **Grade 11 marks and Semester 1 Finals**.
- The third transmission takes place after mid-term marks in second semester. Colleges will send out **conditional** acceptances mid-May. All acceptances at this point are based on the understanding that the student's marks will not fall below acceptable marks for the program.
- Final acceptance to programs will not happen until Semester 2 Final marks have been received by the colleges in July. 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, BUT PARTICULARLY AFTER EACH TRANSMISSION.