

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Information on postsecondary education programs and important factors that affect postsecondary choices can be found through different media and sources. The following sources are not related to, or endorsed by, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities unless otherwise indicated. The descriptions provided have been obtained from the source publications themselves.

College Calendars

Course calendars may be obtained from each college and from secondary school guidance counsellors. These calendars provide specific information on programs, fees and prerequisites. Addresses, telephone numbers and Website addresses for each of Ontario's 25 colleges can be found on page 19.

Ontario College Application Services (OCAS)

Website: www.ocas.on.ca
Address: 370 Speedvale Ave. West
Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 7M7
Telephone: (519) 763-4725 or Toll Free 1-888-892-2228
Fax: (519) 763-4866

The Ontario College Application Services, located in Guelph, Ontario, provides administrative systems and application processing services for Ontario's 25 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, three Agricultural Colleges and The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences.

Available on the OCAS Website are a number of useful tools:

Links to Ontario Colleges

Website:
<http://www.ocas.on.ca/colleges/index.html>

The OCAS Website provides information on College specific Diploma Programs, Post Graduate Certificates and Diplomas, Pre-College, Apprenticeship and Technical Certificate Programs. Full-Time Calendars have extensive information on entrance scholarships, achievement awards and bursaries, as well as entry requirements. These can be accessed through the Links to all Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology or by contacting the College in which you are interested. Contact information for each Ontario College is provided on the List of Institutions pages.

Ontario College Program Locator

Website:
<http://www.ocas.on.ca/locator/index.html>

The above locator indicates which programs are offered at Ontario's 25 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, 3 Agricultural Colleges and the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences. Program information is also available.

Applicant's Guide

Website:
[Http://www.ocas.on.ca/applying/index.html](http://www.ocas.on.ca/applying/index.html)

All applicants to a college program listed in the Applicant Guidebook of the Ontario Colleges must apply through the Ontario College Application Services (OCAS) using the 1999/2000 Application for Admission to Ontario Colleges. A student who wishes to apply to a program that is not listed in the Guidebook should contact the college offering the program for further instructions on the application procedure.

1999-2000 Application processing procedures for college staff and for secondary school staff

Website:
<http://www.ocas.on.ca/pubs/index.html>

The procedures outline the following important information for applying to an Ontario College: OCAS Contacts, IMPORTANT DATES - August 1999 to July 2000 Application Cycle, General Procedures, Electronic Processing Procedures, Manual Submission Procedures, OCAS Services.

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Ontario School Counsellors' Association - Links to career information

Website: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/osca>

OSCA is the professional organization which represents teacher-counsellors in the elementary and secondary schools of Ontario. This page outlines most of the Websites detailed in this section and offers an easy way to access career information.

Ontario College Career Educators

Website: <http://www.cacee.com/occe.html>

Services are the first point of contact for students and recent graduates who are seeking career information and advice on graduate employment. Current students can check their college careers services homepage, or visit the career services office to find out what is accessible. The **Ontario College Career Educators** has representation from all 25 Ontario College career services, and is a part of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario.

Government Resources - Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

Website: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/postsec.html>

The Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Website provides access to a great deal of information on Ontario elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education as well as training and jobs information and government publications and related sites.

***Available on the Ministry WebSite
are a number of useful tools:***

Ontario Student Assistance Program

Website: <http://osap.gov.on.ca/>

OSAP makes loans available to help students go to university, college, or postsecondary school. A student loan is money that you borrow from a bank or lending institution and the Government of Ontario and/or the Government of Canada guarantees on your behalf. That means that you do not need collateral or a co-signer. In addition, the government pays the interest that accrues on your loan while you are in school. You must repay the loan when you stop being a full-time student. The OSAP web pages outline the program, how it works, the obligation of students using the program and details about repaying OSAP loans. Students are encouraged to apply on-line.

Career Gateway

Website: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/career>

These pages provide a starting point for exploration of many online career and employment-related resources. The options include: Career Exploration - Career Search Resources, Occupational Descriptions, Current Labour Market Information, and Career-Related Resources; Job-Search Skills - Résumé Writing, The Interview, Cover Letters, Job Search Tips, Employability Skills, and Entrepreneurship; Student Skills and Resources - Study Skills, Time Management, Stress Management, Enrichment and Summer Opportunities, and Financing Your Education; Workplace Issues - Employment Insurance, Young Workers Awareness Program, Canada Labour Code, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, and Employment Standards; Postsecondary Education - Information on colleges and universities in Ontario, including links to the Ontario College Application Service and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre; Distance Education - Links to distance learning information, including the correspondence courses and General Educational Development (GED) program from the ministry's Independent Learning Centre; and, Training and Jobs Details on apprenticeship, literacy and basic skills, and career preparation programs.

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Government Resources – Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC)

Human Resources Development Canada

Website: <http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>

The mission of HRDC is to enable Canadians to participate fully in the workplace and the community. HRDC is committed to providing high quality service as it pursues a human development agenda in all its activities. HRDC is one of the largest federal departments in terms of both its scope and mandate, with programs and services that respond to the needs of children and families, youth, seniors, the unemployed, persons with disabilities, Aboriginal peoples, and Canadians in the workplace. This site offers information on the programs and services HRDC offers its clients, as well as information on the organization and the people who run it.

Available on the Department's WebSite are a number of useful links and tools:

Job Bank

Website: <http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/index.html>

"JOB BANK on the Internet" is an electronic listing of jobs, work or business opportunities phoned in to Human Resource Centres of Canada by employers around the country. The JOB BANK service is provided free of charge. Jobs, work or business opportunities are listed in kiosks on site at local Human Resource Centres of Canada, or at selected public locations. Access can be gained free of charge by anyone, during the regular business hours of the host location.

Jobs Futures (Ontario)

Website: http://www.on.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/english/lmi/eaid/occ.info/ojf/jobf_e.html

The objective of Ontario Job Futures is to assist career and vocational counsellors in their work by providing background information on major trends in the economy and labour market and a set of 157 occupational profiles. This information will also serve as source material for students and workers who are doing research on labour market trends and occupational prospects.

Work Search

Website:
<http://www.worksearch.gc.ca/cgi-bin/start.pl>

A unique internet site designed to help individuals through the process of looking for work.

Youth Resource Network of Canada

Website: http://www.youth.gc.ca/menu_e.shtml

The YRNC is an initiative of the Youth Employment Strategy of the Government of Canada and its partners, preparing youth for a career with help from a group of existing programs and services. The YRNC offers a wealth of information on the employment world, such as career choices, training and education, job opportunities, and so much more. This site outlines information available on the web, separated into logical and practical categories that assists in locating relevant information.

Labour Market information

Website: <http://lmi-imt.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/index.html>

The Labour Market Information service provides general and detailed information on local labour markets across Canada. This information can help people to search for work, and to make general employment, training and career decisions.

nextSteps

Website: <http://www.nextsteps.org/>

nextSteps is an online magazine dedicated to exploring the career and employment opportunities available to youth. Each month nextSteps explores a different industry or field of work. It talks to people in those industries and find out what employers are thinking. Professional career counsellors will even answer on-line questions about all things career-related. nextNET is made possible through financial support from The City of Calgary, the Community and Social Development Department and Human Resources Development Canada.

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Ontario College University Transfer Guide

Website: <http://www.ocutg.on.ca>

Whether you're a university student who is interested in college, a college student looking at university, a high school student exploring postsecondary options or a counsellor advising students, the Ontario College University Transfer Guide (OCUTG) can help. Want to find out about collaborative programs, articulation agreements and credit transfer between Ontario universities and colleges? Whatever details you're looking for about transfer policies and agreements made between the province's colleges and universities, you can find using this guide.

Mazemaster

Website: <http://www.mazemaster.on.ca>

Mazemaster is a one stop shop for youth employment. The site is a project of Human Resources Development Canada, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Community Action For Youth Employment Partnership. The site offers an opportunity for self-assessment, labour market information, training and education options, self employment information as well as job search techniques and job postings.

Work Info NET

Website: <http://www.on.workinfonet.ca/>

The Canada and Ontario WorkInfoNET web site is about helping Canadians connect to the resources they need in the areas of jobs, work and recruiting; learning, education and training; occupations and careers; labour market information and outlook; self-employment; workplace issues and supports; and financial help and issues. WorkInfoNET is a network of equal partners in all provinces and territories working together to develop an information network for all Canadians to connect to work and learning opportunities. The signatories agree to work together, in cooperation and collaboration, in pursuit of their goals and based on the guiding principles endorsed in the Strategic Planning and Vision document.

Occupational Outlook Handbook Index

Website: <http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>

The Occupational Outlook Handbook is the American Government's premier career guidance publication. It provides essential information about prospective changes in the world of work and the qualifications that will be needed by tomorrow's workers.
