

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program



Don't Leave School Without It!

Are you eligible to begin an apprenticeship in a skilled occupation while still in high school? Absolutely! The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program is a unique “school to career” program developed to provide students with greater career opportunities in the skilled trades. The OYAP program allows students to earn credits while working towards an apprenticeship in a highly skilled occupation.

- In the next 5-10 years, 1/3 of skilled workers, called journeypersons, will be eligible to retire in Ontario. Continued growth of the Ontario economy requires that young workers be trained to meet the new demands as well as replace those leaving the workforce.
- The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program offers students a chance to make a smooth transition into their post-secondary education and training apprenticeship programs. It allows students to complete their credits for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and gain apprenticeship training leading to a Certificate of Apprenticeship.
- Prior to being registered as an apprentice, students will participate in specific trade-related Cooperative Education placements to determine their suitability for apprenticeship registration. Students, once registered, continue to earn credits and accumulate hours towards their apprenticeship.

Why get involved in OYAP?

- begin your post-secondary education & training while still in high school
- skilled trades may offer both job security and excellent earning potential
- reduce your apprenticeship qualification time
- establish yourself with a potential employer
- prepare for technician/technologist programs offered at community colleges or university degree programs

OYAP Admission Requirements

You must

- have completed two years of secondary school with a minimum of 16 credits
- have an acceptable attendance record
- be a worthy representative of the school and the program
- be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the placement worksite
- be aware that completion of Grade 10 Technological Education credits in the selected apprenticeship area would be an asset
- complete a Co-operative Education Application form and an OYAP application form (available in Guidance & Co-op offices)