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Destinations

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**Guido de Brès Christian High
School**



The Destinations



- Students in Ontario have many options after leaving high school.
- They can get a job immediately or choose post secondary training.
- They can choose from a number of Christian colleges/universities, 24 publicly funded colleges, 21 universities, hundreds of private career colleges and over 100 apprenticeship opportunities.

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Getting a Job:

...use summer/part-time jobs to assess your interest/skills preparedness

...use Coop to experience the area in which you might be interested

...check youth employment services in your city: Job Connect,

Job skills,

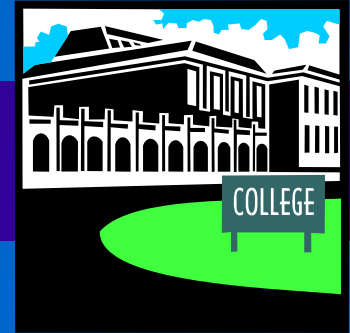
Neighbourhoods Employment Resource Centre

Workplace, Apprenticeship Skilled Trades Destination



- Some students will choose a hands-on career and seek an apprenticeship
- These high demand, highly skilled, highly practical careers are now referred to as “Gold Collar Careers” since many of the trades have starting salaries well above \$50,000 per year.

College Destination



- Community college programs provide a valuable combination of academic and practical/technical skills training for a specific career
- There are almost 600 programs to choose from at Ontario's community colleges including Business Administration, Biomedical Technology, Computer Animation, Engineering Technology, Paramedic, and Social Worker
- Seneca College tells us that York University is their biggest feeder school as University Grads discover that they require practical job skills in addition to theory
- Opportunities to attend as a part-time student and as a mature student

University/College



- Program links between colleges and universities are increasing dramatically.
- Many colleges and universities are offering joint programs that will provide students with both the theoretical and practical skills required for their career and earn them a degree and a diploma in four years.
- Applied degree programs are now granted by many colleges and universities. Lots of opportunities for transferability between colleges and universities exist.

University Destination



- University programs provide theoretical academic training
- In general, there are 4 main types of programs at most universities:
 - *Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences*
 - *Life/Health Sciences*
 - *Physical/Engineering Sciences*
 - *Business/Commerce*

Christian Universities and Colleges

(e.g., Tyndale College, Redeemer University, Trinity Western, etc)

- degree granting institutions
- same as public institutions, but with a Christian perspective
- Educational institution rooted in the Christian faith. There is a broad range of confessions and philosophies. Many are primarily undergraduate, though many also provide graduate and professional programs.
- Most offer accredited Bachelor's degrees.

Bible Colleges

(eg. Heritage, Briercrest, Emmanuel)

- Educational institution primarily engaged in preparation for teaching, outreach, missions or various types of ministry.
- Most offer theology or Bachelor of Christian Studies types of degrees.
- Several offer one year “discovery” or pre-university programs.
- Covenant Can. Ref. Teacher’s College has a 3 year program leading to a Diploma of Teaching.

Public Universities

(eg. Western, U of T, McMaster, Brock, Guelph)

- Universities which receive program funding from governments.
- Mostly “secular”, though some schools have affiliated religious colleges.
- Most offer a broad range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs.
- All offer accredited degrees.



Public Colleges:

(e.g. Mohawk, Sheridan, Niagara, George Brown, etc.)

- Institutions which offer primarily career oriented diploma and certificate programs.
- Many offer “hands-on” learning opportunities.
- Several offer 4 year applied degree programs, university transfer, or articulation opportunities.



Apprenticeship opportunities

- an apprenticeship is the way you enter a career in the skilled trades. (e.g. Automotive Service technician, Electrician, Baker, Tool and Die Maker)
- About 90 per cent of this training is workplace-based training, under the direction of experienced workers. An apprentice is given a Training Standard Manual or Schedule of Training to ensure that they are trained to the standards of skill and safety set by the industry.
- The remainder involves classroom instruction on theory, which is usually given at a local community college or provided by another approved training organization.

Other Opportunities

- Some students may not be ready for college or university
- There are one year programs to volunteer, to work in mission, to do service work.
- Examples include: CRWRF, “Edge” at RMCC, Capenray, Word of Life, Teen Mania, Haiti: work in an orphanage, Katimavik

Requirements: American Universities

- Similar to those for Canadian schools.
- Most require 6 4U/4M credits and a high school diploma.
- American schools consider a composite GPA rather than a six 4U average.
- Most schools require an ACT or a SAT score.

Canadian Universities:

- 6 4U/4M courses and completion of a high school diploma as a minimum standard for admission.
- Admission is usually offered based upon an average of the 6 highest grades, including program prerequisites.
- Many have additional requirements, such as portfolios, references/auditions, and essays.



Colleges:

- Most consider a high school diploma or equivalent as the minimum standard for admission.
- For most programs, general or college level credits are acceptable; however, many technical degree, or professional programs may require 4U/4M credits.
- Almost all diploma programs require a minimum of 70% in a college level English.





Christian Schools:

- Most Christian Universities require the same as public Universities.
- Most Bible Colleges have flexible admissions policies, relying more on references, and personal characteristics rather than academics.
- Our teacher's college requires a secondary school diploma qualifying them for university entrance.



Apprenticeships:

- Need Grade 12 diploma
- Student must find a host employer (who agrees to hire them as an apprentice).
- Both student and the employer must sign a training agreement prepared by an Apprenticeship Branch consultant.
- After the training agreement is signed and filed with the Ministry, they are considered to be a registered apprentice. At specific stages of their training, the Apprenticeship Branch consultant will arrange for them to take the classroom instruction in theory (usually in a Community College).

What is the process?

Christian Universities

- have “rolling admissions;” however, it is wise to complete the application as soon as possible. Many schools begin the process of scholarship consideration in January.
- Students need to apply by paper application. The application fee is often waived if the student applies early. (similar for our teacher’s college)

Public Universities

- ..expect students to apply no later than January 11. ..They apply online at www.ouac.on.ca
- ..Application fee: \$125.00 in the form of a cheque or money order (Credit card and online banking also accepted).
- ... Allows for 3 university/program choices.
- ...An additional 3 choices may be made at a fee of \$42 per choice.
- ...first semester marks are crucial. Study seriously!

Colleges

...expect students to apply no later than Feb. 1.

...you apply online at

www.ocas.on.ca

...Application fee: \$95 for up to 5 programs.

Sample Costs

- *McMaster*: Tuition: \$6,020; Books & Supplies: \$1,215, plus living costs.
- So, need to get good grades: Approximately 10% of in-coming class receive entrance scholarships. At McMaster University: 95%=Value of \$3,000; 90%-94.99=Value of \$1,200; 85%-89.99=Value of \$750; 80%-84.99=Value of \$500.
- *Mohawk*: Tuition: \$2,372 for a diploma program. Degree and coop programs are higher.
- *Redeemer*: Tuition: \$13,740

Financial Aid:

- Each university/college has their own package
- Get good grades equals money. Many universities and colleges have merit-based scholarships.
- Student line of credit at your bank (except CIBC and Scotia Bank)
- For American studies, search at www.fafsa.edu.gov
- Research financial opportunities.
 - www.aucc.ca
 - www.scholarshipscanada.com
 - www.studentawards.com

OSAP

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Fill out a full or renewal online application or an Ontario Graduate Scholarship application.

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www.osap.gov.on.ca

- Can receive from \$100 to \$9,350.
- Do not pay back till 6 months after you are a student. Invest, if you don't need it.
- Must be out of school for 4 years to be “independent”.
- Queen Elizabeth II Reach for the Top Scholarship is linked to this site. (up to \$3,500)

Resources:

- www.einfo.ca
- Ontario College Guide booklet and www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Student Services Office at colleges and universities: academic planning, career planning, interviews
- University and college fairs, Christian college fairs, rep visits, Open Houses.
- Internet sites: www.careercruising.com; application tutorials for OUAC, OCAS

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Any questions?

