

Why choose College? Top 10 Reasons

▶ 1st step - research the programs and colleges available to you. If you have not already decided what programs you are applying to, you can:

- See the College Map to find a campus near you
- Browse our Find a Program tool to see all college programs offered in Ontario
- Connect with Ontario's Colleges to learn more about upcoming open houses, information and program sessions, tours, and more.

➤ 2nd Step - Application

Applying to Ontario Colleges

How to Apply : <u>VIDEO</u> Create an Account: <u>PDF</u> starting on page 16

- Log in to your account.
- Fill in your personal information and educational history.
- Add your program choices.
- Pay the application processing fee.
- Log back in to verify your transcript information, or to make changes or updates to your application. (Changing your program choices after February 1 may affect your chances of receiving an offer, as applications will be considered first-come, first-served. Note that removing a program choice will notify the college you are no longer interested in that choice.)
- Log back in anytime after November 1 to view and confirm offers of admission. November
 1 is the earliest date colleges may begin to inform applicants of their admission decisions.
 Offers of admission will continue to be issued until program seats are filled and / or
 waitlists are established.
- For more in-depth information, please refer to the guide for applying to college (.pdf)

► <u>Application Fee</u>

There is a non-refundable fee of \$150 CDN to apply to college through ontariocolleges.ca.

The application fee includes <u>up to 5 program choices</u> (no more than 3 at any one college); the programs must start within the same academic year (August to July). To apply to programs starting in the next academic year, you will need to create a new application and pay a new application processing fee.

▶ <u>Important Dates</u>

- Early October 2025: In early October, access to the online college application becomes available for programs beginning in the following academic year (August to July).
- November 1, 2025: This is the earliest date that colleges may begin to send offers of admission to programs for the upcoming academic year. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.
- February 1, 2025: Equal Consideration Date apply to highly competitive programs on or before this date. Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time.
- Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1. Use our Find a Program tool at any time to find programs that are still open.
- May 1, 2025: Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to confirm your offer.Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.
- June 2025: Tuition deposit payment due. The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

▶ Find out more about skilled trades

- >> Collaborative College and University Programs
- ➡ Degree Programs at Algonquin College
- ➡ Degree Programs at Ontario Colleges

► Ontransfer

Explore your transfer pathways from college programs to university programs

► <u>Apprenticeships</u>

➡ <u>School Finder</u>

Search the database of schools, programs, scholarships and careers to find the info you need.

➤ <u>The Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program</u> (APSIP) is dedicated to empowering and improving access opportunities for Indigenous (First Nations, status and non-status, Inuit and Métis) learners to pursue postsecondary education in Ontario.

At APSIP events, you'll have the opportunity to meet with Indigenous college liaisons who can answer your questions about applying to college, choosing a program, admission requirements, applying for financial aid / funding, arranging living accommodations and campus life.

You'll also discover how Ontario's colleges can be a home away from home with resource centres and support services specifically for Indigenous students. Make sure you self-identify as an Indigenous person when you complete your college application, or at the Indigenous Student Services centre on campus, to keep informed of the many services, programs and events that are available to meet your needs.

>> Transition Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities

What do you need to know before you head off to college or university? Learn about your rights and responsibilities, how to advocate for yourself, what financial aid is available and more.

\$\$ <u>Ontario Student Assistance Program</u> \$\$

- ➡ Ontario OSAP
- ➤ OSAP Guide (Video March 2021)
- How to Apply for OSAP (On. Gov. Video 2018)
- ➤ How to Apply to OSAP (Algonquin College Sept 2020)

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