College Application Seminar



Ancaster High School September 26, 2018

WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?

- Less theory and more practical experience
- A career focused education
- Preparation for highly competitive programs
 ex: Pre-Technology
- Preparation for certain university pathways
 ex: Pre-Health





Colleges Offer Different Programs

Apprenticeship Programs

- 1-year Certificate Programs
- 2 and 3-year Diploma Programs
- 4-year Degree Programs





Admission requirements can be different

- Apprenticeship Programs require a job
- 1-year Certificate Programs may only require a diploma
- 2 and 3-year Diploma Programs require specific courses at the "C" level, or "U" level
 - Ex. ENG4C1 or MCT4C1
- 4-year Degree Programs- require 6 grade 12 "U" or "M" courses
 - Ex. ENG4U1 or MCV4U1





Collaborative College & University Programs

- Some universities & colleges have programs that allow students to earn both a degree and a diploma (usually need 4U courses to be accepted)
- Some programs use the university (OUAC) application
- Some programs use the college (Ontariocolleges) application.





What do you need to know for admission?

- What program do you want?
- What colleges offer that program?
- What are the required courses?
- Are there minimum required marks?





What other information do I need to know?



Seek Answers to Questions Like These When Doing Your Research

PROGRAMS & ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. What programs are you interested in at college?
- 2. What are the required courses you must take in high school in order to be eligible for admission to these programs?
- 3. Oversubscribed programs have many applications for only a few spaces and not everyone is admitted (the cut off average may be higher than the minimum posted mark). Is your program choice oversubscribed? How many students applying from High School are admitted to this program?
- 4. Do marks in specific subjects affect whether or not you will be admitted? Are there minimum marks required in the certain subjects?
- 5. If a mark in a specific subject is important (ie. Grade 12 English), and you don't take that course until Semester 2, what will the college do? Will they wait until Semester 2 midterm marks are available, will they use Grade 11 marks, or will they do something else?
- 6. Is the college calculating an "average" for admission or simply using specific course marks? If they are using an average, what courses are included in this average?
- 7. Does your program choice require portfolios, auditions, questionnaires, or other extra items? How can you find out what the college is looking for in the portfolio, audition...?
- 8. What courses do you take in Year 1 of that program? Year 2? Year 3? Can you switch from a 2 year to a 3 year program? Can you switch areas of focus after 1 semester or 1 year?
- Is there a paid Co-op option in this program? Is there a work experience opportunity in this program?

INFORMATION SHOULD BE GATHERED FROM



Ontariocolleges website (www.ontariocolleges.ca)

COLLEGE VIEWBOOKS (available in Guidance)

COLLEGE WEBSITES

ATTENDING COLLEGE FAIRS AT SCHOOL

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES

COLLEGE INFORMATION PROGRAM (CIP) DAYS

COLLEGE INFORMATION FAIR





Important Dates

- Today's Session!
- Online Application Tutorials in Learning Commons (Sign up in Student Services one week prior)
 - Sessions will take place EACH period on November 15
- Deadline for Applying to College
 - Ancaster High School December 14th, 2018
 - Date for equal consideration February 1st, 2019





Important Dates

- Attend our college/university fairs:
 - > October 3 and October 17
 - > In the cafeteria
 - > During period 4





Research your Choices

- College Information Fair
 - Tuesday, October 23
 - Wednesday, October 24
 - Enercare Centre, Toronto

- College Information Program
 - Friday, October 29
 - Mohawk College





Ontario College Information Fair

Direct Energy Centre in Toronto

- Tuesday October 24 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 and
- Wednesday October 25 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ALL 28 ONTARIO COLLEGES WILL BE THERE





Visit the Colleges

Fall Open Houses

- Mohawk College
 - ➤ Health Sciences Campus October 27
 - > Fennell Campus November 3
 - Stoney Creek November 8

Campus tours

Book your own tour for any college





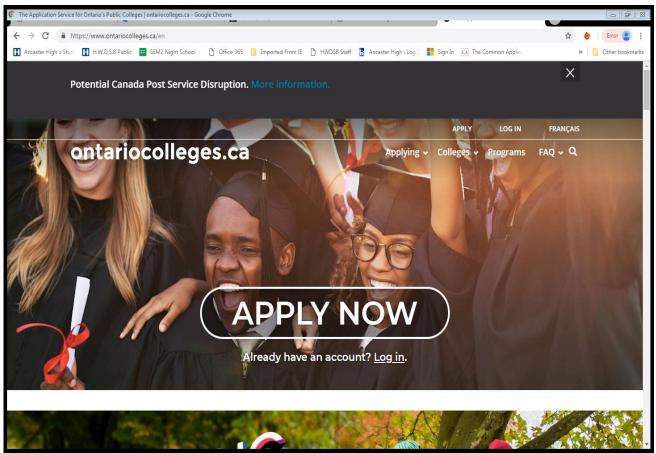
FIND PROGRAMS at COLLEGES

 Go to <u>www.ontariocolleges.ca</u> to research your program of choice





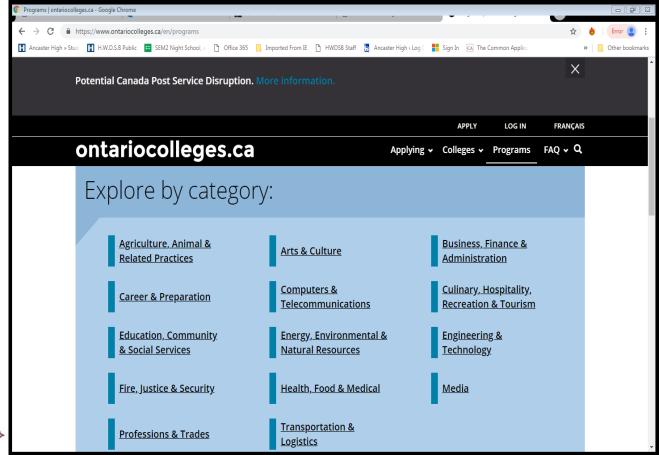
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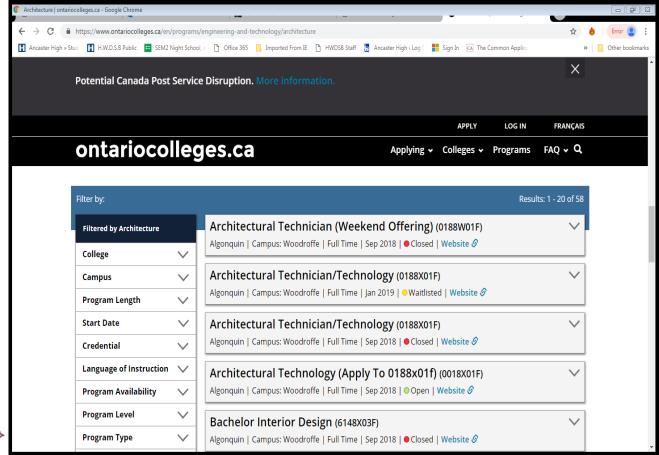
Find a Program







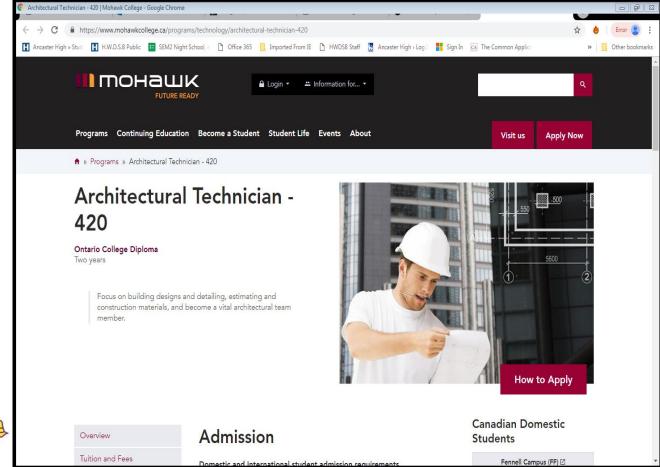
Find out which colleges have the program







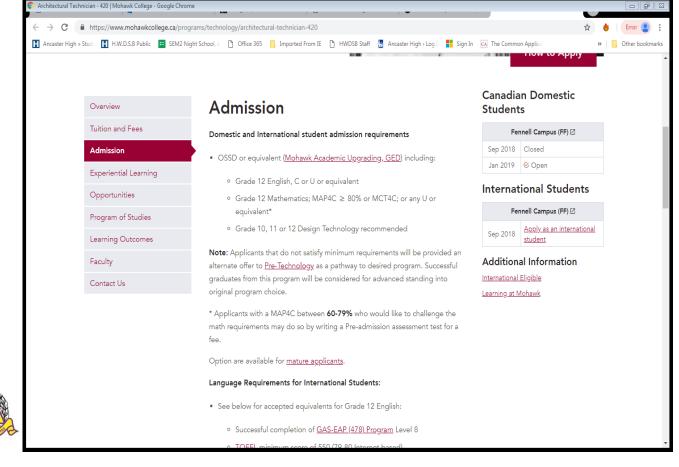
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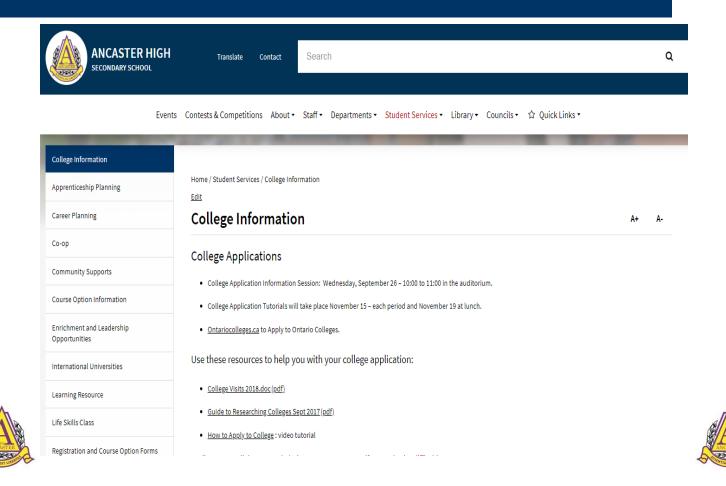
What are the admission requirements







Use our Ancaster High – College Information website



Important Dates Summary

First Date to Apply	November 15 and 19 Application Tutorial
Deadline to Apply	December 14 th , 2018
Equal Consideration Date	February 1 st , 2019





How many programs do I apply for?

- All applicants can apply to a total of 5 college programs,
 - maximum of 3 at the same college
 Example: 3 programs at Mohawk, 1 at Humber and 1 at Conestoga
- The cost of applying to college is the same for 1 program as it is for 5 - \$95 (non-refundable)





\$95 Will Get You FIVE Choices!

Five Different Programs OR	Five Different Programs
(Five Different Schools)	(Max. 3 Programs per College)
<u>Mohawk</u>	<u>Mohawk</u>
Early Childhood Education	Broadcast Radio
<u>Niagara</u>	<u>Mohawk</u>
Early Childhood Education	Broadcast Television
<u>Humber</u>	<u>Mohawk</u>
Early Childhood Education	General Arts & Science
<u>Fanshawe</u>	<u>Sheridan</u>
Early Childhood Education	Media Arts
<u>Sheridan</u>	<u>Sheridan</u>
Early Childhood Education	Applied Photography

Admission to College: What do you need by the end of June 2019?

- High School Diploma
 (30 credits, 40 hours, Literacy Test)
- Grade 12 English ENG4<u>C</u> or ENG4<u>U</u>
- Other required courses (i.e. Biology? Math?)
- OTHER? Check carefully!
 - Portfolio? Letter of experience?
 - Audition? Interview?





Are Marks Important?

- Colleges do NOT post admission averages, they post minimum requirements
- If there are fewer applicants than spots, all you need is the minimum requirements
- If there are MORE applicants than spots (over subscribed programs), then they will rank you on marks



What marks do colleges use for admission?

- Some colleges will only use REQUIRED course marks for admission (ex: Mohawk)
- Some colleges will use an average of SENIOR LEVEL marks including required courses (ex: Sheridan)
- Most colleges will treat C level and U level courses equally when determining your average

(Note: Conestoga gives 10 bonus marks to U and M courses)





What if my required course is in semester 2?

- Each college has its own policy
- Some colleges try to fill ALL their spots for their programs in March
- If your ENG4C class is semester 2, they will use your grade 11 English mark for admission.
- Some colleges reserve spaces for students with prerequisites in sem 2 – some offers go out in March and some go out in May





What if I plan to upgrade a mark?

 Colleges will use the best final grade that you have.

 If you plan to upgrade a course in summer school or night school, you should contact the college to see if they will re-evaluate your application in August.





The bottom line on marks

 You MUST do your very best in every course, especially the courses required for the programs you are applying to.





Things I must do:

- Research my choices and see my <u>Guidance</u> <u>Counsellor</u> with questions.
- Make sure that I have the required courses for programs I want to apply to.
- Create accounts with the colleges you applied to and check these regularly.
- Read and keep all correspondence from the colleges.