College Application Seminar



Ancaster High School September 25, 2019

WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE?

- Less theory and more practical experience
- 307 degree programs offered
- A career focused education
- Preparation for highly competitive programs ex: Pre-Technology
- Preparation for some university pathways
 ex: General Arts & Sciences

Four Kinds of Programs

- Apprenticeship Programs
- One year Certificate Programs
- Two and Three Year Diploma Programs
- Four Year Degree Programs

Admission Requirements

- Apprenticeship programs require a job in the field
- Certificate programs may only require a diploma
- Diploma programs require specific courses at the "C" level like ENG4C1 or MCT4C1
- Degree Programs require six 4U or 4M courses like ENG4U1 and five more

Collaborative College/University Programs

- Some universities and 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.

Four Questions Before Applying

- What program do you want?
- What colleges offer that program?

What are the required courses?

Are there minimum required marks?

Differences Between College & University

University Example

- A university will receive 9000 applications for 600 seats. Students will apply with averages in the 70's, 80's and 90's
- A program having 600 spaces means the school will send out 1000 offers (they know 400 students will say "no")
- Therefore an average of "85%" across six classes is used because only 1000 students had an average this high

How College Admission Work

Scenario 1

 A program has 85 seats and 60 students apply - everyone is admitted!

Scenario 2

- A program has 100 seats and 2000 students apply
- Only students with minimum grade of "75%" in English are given an initial offer
- If any of those students say "no" the college moves down the list (i.e. "74%")

How AHS Communicates

October 2, 2019

 Demographics and marks history are due. OCAS requires marks history for all courses taken in grades 9, 10 and 11

November 18, 2019

• First semester midterm marks are due

How AHS Communicates

February 7, 2020

 First semester final marks and currently enrolled second semester courses are due

April 20, 2020

Second semester midterm marks are due

Important Dates

- Today's Assembly
- Application Tutorials on November 14 (all day) and November 15 at Lunch
 - Sign up in Student Services one week prior
- Deadline for Applying to College
 - Ancaster High School: December 13, 2019
 - Date for equal consideration: February 1, 2020

Important!

February 1, 2020

Earliest Offer Date

May 1, 2020

- Deadline to confirm an offer
- We recommend you don't wait until May 1!

Research

Ancaster High College/University Fairs:

October 2 and November 5 in the East Wing Cafeteria, Timeframe 4

Other Research Options

- College Information Fair (www.ocif.ca)
 - Wednesday October 23 (5 p.m. 9 p.m.)
 - Thursday October 24 (9 a.m. 2 p.m.)
 - Exhibition Place, Toronto

- College Information Program
 - Tuesday, October 15 (9:30 a.m. Noon)
 - Mohawk College

Visit the Colleges

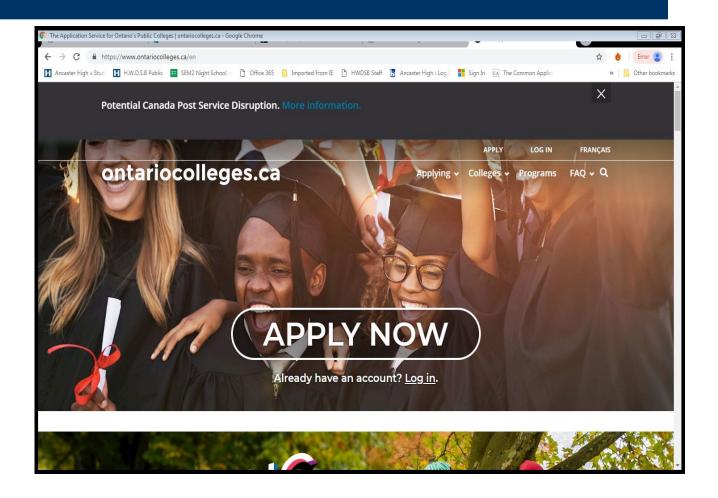
Mohawk College Fall Open Houses

- Health Sciences Campus
 - October 26 (9:30 a.m. 12:30 a.m.)
- Main Campus (Fennell)
 - November 2 (10 a.m. 1 p.m.)
- Stoney Creek
 - November 7 (5 p.m. 8 p.m.)

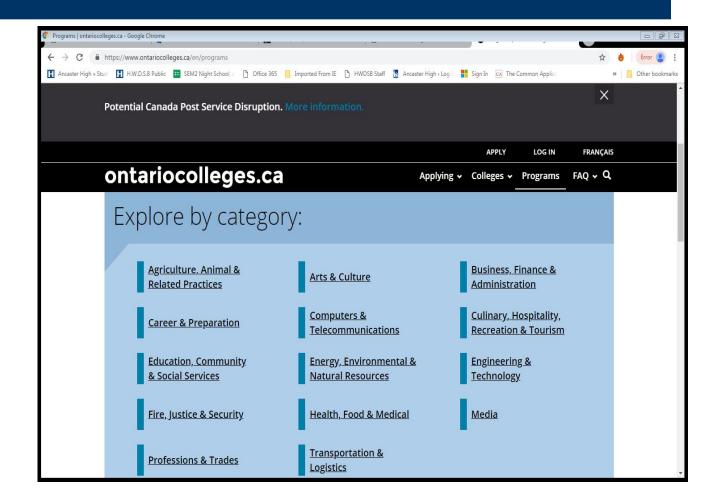
Campus Tours

Book your own tour for any college

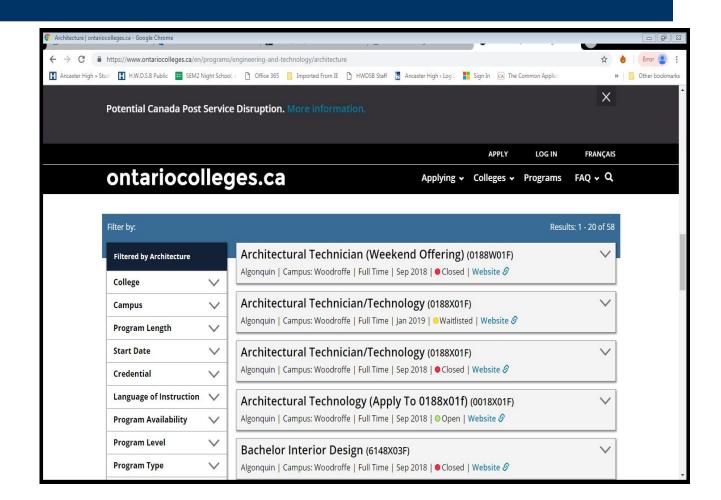
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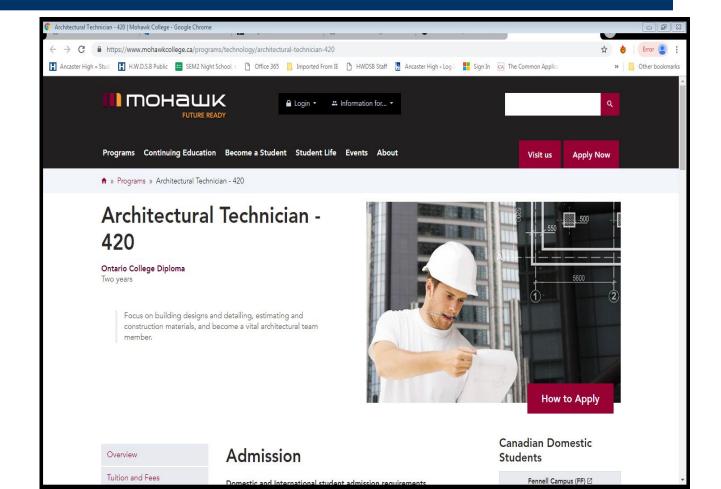
Find a Program



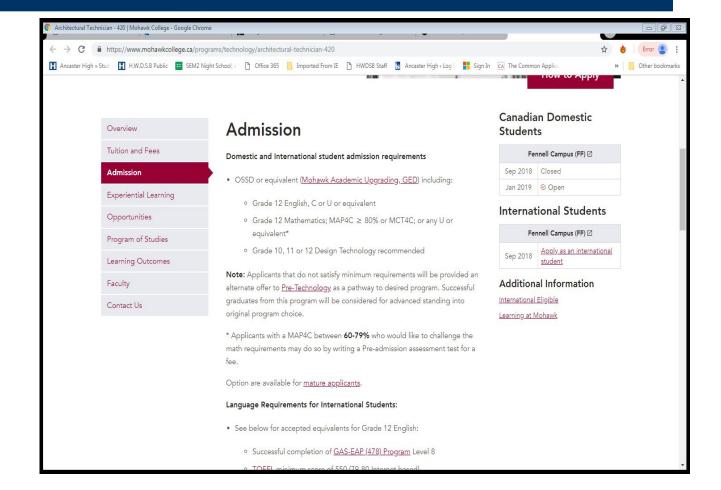
Which colleges offer my program?



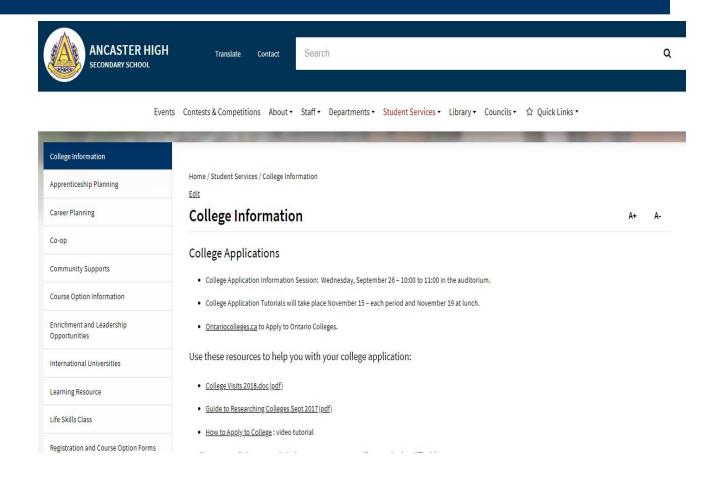
Check the program's website



Admission Requirements



Ancaster High School Website



Apply to Five Programs!

- Students apply to a maximum of five
- Only three at the same college
 Example : 3 programs at Mohawk , 1 at Humber and 1 at Conestoga
- \$95 cost regardless (applying to one or five!)

What do you need by the end of June 2020?

- High School Diploma
- 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?

Grades

- Colleges do NOT post admission averages
- Colleges post minimum grades (i.e. 70% in ENG4C1)

Grades

- Some colleges will only use required course marks for admission (Mohawk College does this)
- Some colleges will use an average of senior level marks including required courses (Sheridan does this)
- Most colleges will treat C level and U level courses equally (Conestoga gives 10 bonus marks to U and M courses)

Required Courses in Semester Two?

- Each college has its own policy
- Some colleges try to fill all seats in March
- If the ENG4C1 class is Semester Two, colleges will use ENG3C1 from last year
- Some colleges reserve spaces for students with prerequisites in Semester Two – some offers go out in March and some go out in May

Upgrading

- Colleges will use the highest attempt, not the most recent (this is good!)
- Colleges will usually wait for summer school grades and re-evaluate your application in August

What is in your control?

- Not much! Colleges have policies and worrying about them won't help!
- Do your very best in every course, especially the courses required for your program

Questions?