



# 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 extras the college is looking for?
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?
9. 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](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca))

COLLEGE WEBSITES

ATTENDING VIRTUAL COLLEGE  
FAIRS

COLLEGE VIRTUAL TOURS

## EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

10. What **type of work** do graduates of this program usually get?
11. According to the college's Graduate Placement Report, what **percentage of graduates find job related work** within a short time after graduating? (usually 6 months)
12. According to the College's Graduate Placement Report, what is the **average starting salary** for graduates from this program?

## RESIDENCE

13. Does the college have residence spaces? How many spaces are saved for first year students? Is it a "first come, first served" residence allotment, or is it by lottery? Do students who live farther from the college get first opportunity at the residence spaces?
14. Does the college have a housing service to help you find "off-campus" housing if you do not live in residence?

## ATMOSPHERE

- 15. What type of experience will you have? Is the college in a large city, or in a smaller community? Does the college have different campuses?
- 16. What supports are there at the college to ensure a safe and successful experience?

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

- 17. Are scholarships and bursaries available to first year students? How do students apply for these?
- 18. Do you need to apply to OSAP to become eligible for scholarships or bursaries at the college?

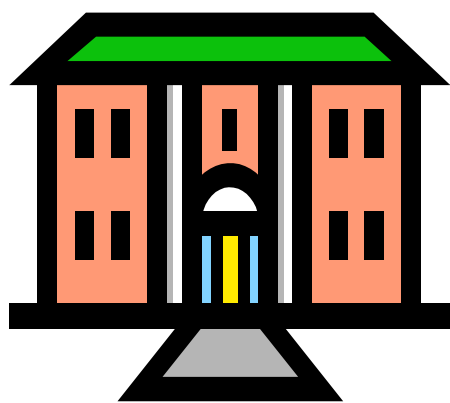
## COST

- 19. How much should you expect to pay for tuition each year? Are there any other fees for books, technology, labs, co-op...? When is tuition due and can I pay in installments if I am waiting for OSAP?

## OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND COLLEGE

- 20. If you are hoping to transfer to a university after completing a college diploma program, where can you transfer to? When can you transfer and how much credit will you receive from the university for completing your diploma? Is there a specific average you must attain to be eligible to transfer?
- 21. Are there Graduate Certificate programs you can apply to after completing the diploma?

## DID YOU KNOW?



Colleges offer cost-effective career training programs with small classes and hands-on experience. Some college programs offer transfer opportunities to university degrees.

Most of our college bound students attend Mohawk College. Last year over half of our college applicants accepted offers of admission to Mohawk College.

That means most of our college bound students remained close to home to complete their college programs.

Other AHS student chose to attend Algoma, Cambrian, Centennial, Conestoga, Fanshawe, Georgian, George Brown, Humber, Niagara, Sault, Seneca, Sheridan, & St. Lawrence colleges.

# COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

## **Ancaster High School is setting our deadline for College Applications to be completed as December 11, 2020.**

The deadline for Equal Consideration by Colleges in Ontario is February 1, 2021

By completing the following checklist, you will have become well informed about the process of making a College Application. Check the box if you have:

- Received your log in and password to access our **school computer system** (this is required when we have our online application tutorial in November).
- Started checking the HUB, listening to morning announcements, or checking the [Student Services](#) portion of the Ancaster High School website for applying to college information.
- Read Ancaster High's Guide to Researching College or gone on the [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) website to get information regarding admissions to programs.
- Taken part in the **Ontario Colleges Information Virtual Fair running Nov 4th 4-8pm, and Nov 5th 9am-1pm. Register here: <https://ontariocollegefair.ca>**
- Discussed your college options/choices with a parent/guardian.
- Narrowed the choices of Colleges and Programs to **5** (3 programs from any 1 College maximum)
- Checked the **prerequisites for EACH program** and college from your 5 choices.
- Checked for interview, portfolio, or other requirements for EACH program and college choice.
- Looked at the websites or Calendar/Viewbook for each college you are interested in attending.
- Detailed the **costs** of attending your college choices (these may be different for each college).
- Virtually visited the colleges you may be attending and examined transportation needs or living accommodations. (Each college will have a virtual tour on their website)
- Researched scholarships, bursaries, or other funding (OSAP) for your College program.
- Informed your Guidance Counsellor of any Night School, or Summer School courses you may be taking to complete your requirements for College admission.
- Attended the ONLINE APPLICATION TUTORIAL for college applications (November)
- Completed, submitted, **and paid for** your College Application. (\$95.00 by December 11)
- Kept ALL information received from College choices in an organized manner.
- Replied to ALL correspondence and met deadlines for interviews, portfolios, etc...
- Confirmed your acceptance** to ONE program through OCAS. (any second acceptance of an offer will cancel the previous one)
- Made an application to OSAP for a student loan, (after you accept an offer of admission).  
<http://osap.gov.on.ca>

## **Resource Information for Colleges**

### **WEBSITES TO VISIT**

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/> - go to the College Info link

Your guidance course on the **HUB**

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) - go to the FIND tab for information on programs

<http://www.osca.ca> - to access College information click on STUDENTS, then community colleges Ontario. This website also contains information on career inventories, school finder, Job Futures and many other materials from the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (user id: Ancaster, password: Lion) - for career information

[www.scholarshipcanada.com](http://www.scholarshipcanada.com) - for scholarship information

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com) - for MORE scholarship information

[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) - for planning & paying for your education

<http://osap.gov.on.ca> - for information on student loans (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** - This information is available on our Ancaster High School website under Student Services. A virtual presentation will be posted to the HUB on Wednesday Oct 7th, 2020.

**LIAISON VISITS AT ANCASTER HIGH** – These will be on hold this year due to COVID-19. Please register and attend the virtual college fair November 4th and 5th: <https://ontariocollegefair.ca>.

**COLLEGE RESOURCES IN STUDENT SERVICES** – Student Services has college view books and Calendars that can be signed out to aid you in your research.

**COUNSELLOR INTERVIEW** – Students and parents can make an appointment with your Counsellor to discuss college options and requirements

A-G – [Mrs. O'Sullivan](#)  
ext 4316

H-N – [Mr. Nicholson](#)  
ext 4315

O-Z – Mr. Vallance  
ext 4317

