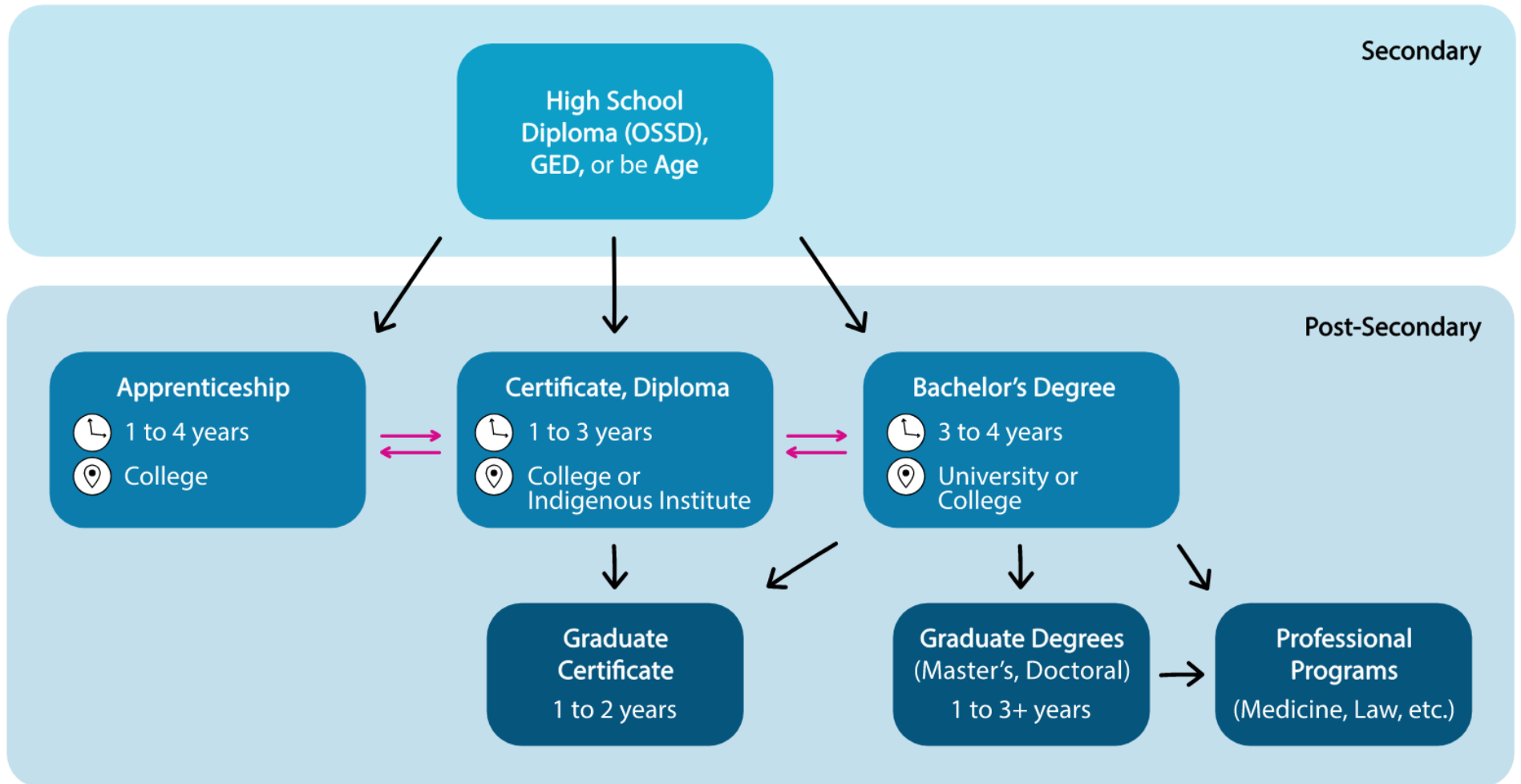


# Types of Post-Secondary Programs



## Apprenticeship

- Certificate of apprenticeship

Length of program	Up to five years depending on the trade or occupation; apprentices are paid employees while in training
Description	Programs develop the skills and knowledge to work in a specific trade or occupation. Training is workplace-based with an in-school component often provided by Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology and Institutes of Technology and Advanced Learning. Certification requires successful demonstration of standards of skills and safety recommended by the industry and successful completion of formal instruction incorporating a blend of theory and practice. Learning outcomes and performance objectives are defined in provincial curriculum and training standards.
Admission requirements	Academic entry requirements vary depending on the trade or occupation. Admission may require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma as well as other entry requirements depending on the trade or occupation. Students must be at least 16 years of age. Students taking apprenticeship programs as part of college co-op diploma programs must also meet the admissions requirements for an Ontario College Diploma.

- Certificate of qualification

Length of program	Varies depending on the trade or occupation; apprentices are paid employees while in training
Description	Programs develop the knowledge and skills to work in a specific trade or occupation that requires the successful completion of qualification/certification examination. A holder of a Certificate of Qualification is qualified to be employed in a specific trade or occupation in Ontario. A holder of the Ontario Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal is qualified to practice a specific trade or occupation in participating Canadian jurisdictions.
Admission requirements	Persons with entry level knowledge, skills and experience in a trade or occupation can become an apprentice by applying directly to an employer, union or local committee. Other routes to apprenticeship programs include pre-apprenticeship training programs that provide training in the trade-related skills essential to becoming an apprentice, and college co-op diploma apprenticeship programs which help students train as an apprentice while completing a related college diploma program. Applicants to college co-op diploma programs must also meet the admissions requirements for an Ontario College Diploma.

## College Certificate

Length of program	One year, two or three semesters
Description	Programs develop the level of skills, knowledge and attitudes to allow graduates to perform a defined range of varied activities within a prescribed range of functions involving known routines and procedures. Programs also engage students in some learning in disciplines outside their main field of study.
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma with C (college preparation), M (university/college preparation) or U (university preparation) credits or equivalent, or mature student status; there may also be additional requirements specific to the program.

## College Diploma

Length of program	Two years, four semesters
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Description	Programs develop the level of skills, knowledge and attitudes to allow the graduates to work within a broad range of technical and/or administrative responsibilities, including coordination and evaluation, and engage students in learning in disciplines outside their main field of study.
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma with C (college preparation), M (university/college preparation) or U (university preparation) credits or equivalent, or mature student status; there may also be additional requirements specific to the program.

### College advanced Diploma

Length of program	Three years, six semesters
Description	Programs develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable graduates to work within a broad range of technical and/or management functions in a broad range of occupational areas. Graduates understand both the required conceptual frameworks as well as applications related to the specific occupational area.
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma with C (college preparation), M (university/college preparation) or U (university preparation) credits or equivalent, or mature student status; there may also be additional requirements specific to the program.

### College graduate certificate

Length of program	One year, two semesters
Description	Programs either deepen knowledge and skills already gained by graduates of college diploma or advanced diploma program or provide graduates of baccalaureate programs with specific knowledge and skills related to an applied occupational area.
Admission requirements	Ontario College Diploma, Ontario College Advanced Diploma, private career college diploma, bachelor's degree or equivalent; there may also be additional program-specific requirements.

### General Bachelor's Degree

Length of program	Generally three years, six semesters
Description	Programs develop broad knowledge and conceptual sophistication in graduates, including specialized knowledge in at least one discipline or field such as arts, science, engineering, business, etc. The General Bachelor's degree prepares graduates for some second-entry professional degree programs, employment in a variety of fields, or advanced entry into an honours or specialist program of study in the field.
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent with six U (university preparation) or M (university/college preparation) courses at the Grade 12 level, with a minimum academic average set by the institution; some programs may have additional requirements.

### Honours Bachelor Degree

Length of program	Four years, eight semesters
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Description	Programs provide more conceptual sophistication, specialized knowledge and intellectual autonomy than a General Bachelor's degree. Students learn appropriate applications of conceptual frameworks and are normally required to prepare, under supervision, a terminal research paper, thesis, project, exhibition, etc. Students may also be required to complete other practice-based exercises intended to develop and demonstrate the student's readiness for employment. There are three types of Honours Bachelor's degrees: academically-oriented, profession-oriented and degrees in an applied area of study
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent with six U (university preparation) or M (university/college preparation) courses at the Grade 12 level, with a minimum academic average set by the institution; some programs may have additional requirements.

### **Bachelor's Degree in Applied Area of Study**

Length of program	Four years, eight semesters and at least one work term
Description	One of three types of Honours Bachelor's degrees, these programs provide more conceptual sophistication, specialized knowledge and intellectual autonomy than a Ontario Advanced Diploma or General Bachelor's degree. Programs combine theory and analytical skills with advanced training and education, usually in specialized areas with emerging employment needs not generally offered at universities, for example Animation, Aviation, Financial Planning. Students learn appropriate applications of conceptual frameworks and are required to complete at least one 14-week work term intended to develop and demonstrate the student's readiness for employment.
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent with six U (university preparation) or M (university/college preparation) courses at the Grade 12 level, with a minimum academic average set by the institution; some programs may have additional requirements.

### **Specialist/Professional Degree**

Length of program	Generally four years, eight semesters, which may include, or be in addition to, one or more years of a bachelor's degree program prior to entry
Description	One of three types of Honours Bachelor's degrees, these programs provide more conceptual sophistication, specialized knowledge and intellectual autonomy than a General Bachelor's degree. Students learn appropriate applications of conceptual frameworks and may be required to complete a terminal research paper, thesis, project, exhibition, etc. or other practice-based exercise intended to develop and demonstrate the student's readiness for employment. Some professions require graduates to demonstrate preparedness to enter the occupation/profession by passing a licensing or other external examination.
Admission requirements	Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent with six U (university preparation) or M (university/college preparation) courses at the Grade 12 level, with a minimum academic average set by the institution; some programs may have additional requirements. Entry to some specialist/professional degree programs is based on completion of the one year or more of a bachelor's degree program.

### **Master's Degree**

Length of program	Three to five semesters
Description	Master's degree programs require the student to develop and demonstrate advanced research skills under supervision. Some programs require students to demonstrate the necessary research, analytical, interpretative, methodological and expository skills in course exercises. Master's degrees are either profession-oriented or research-oriented and prepare students for either further study in the discipline or for

	employment in circumstances requiring sound judgment, personal responsibility and initiative, in complex and unpredictable professional environments.
Admission requirements	Honours Baccalaureate/Bachelor's Degree or other undergraduate degree, plus bridging studies where necessary.

## Doctoral Degree

Length of program	Three to five years in length, depending on the field and the speed at which individuals progress through requirements.
Description	Doctoral programs require students to demonstrate a high degree of intellectual autonomy, an ability to conceptualize, design and implement projects for the generation of significant new knowledge and/or understanding, and their ability to create and interpret knowledge that extends the forefront of a discipline, usually through original research or creative activity. Doctoral programs are either profession-oriented or research-oriented and prepare graduates for employment requiring the ability to make informed judgements on complex issues in specialist fields, and innovation in tackling and solving problems.
Admission requirements	Normally a Masters degree, though some doctoral programs admit high-performing students with Baccalaureate/Bachelor's Degree: Honours degrees. In some cases, bridging studies may be required.

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