

HWDSB



Sir Allan MacNab College Application Seminar November 7, 2023



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Why Choose College?

- Less theory and more practical experience
- More than 240 degree programs offered this September
- A career focused education
- Preparation for highly competitive programs. Example: Pre-health
- Preparation for some University pathways. Example: General Arts and Sciences



Top Reasons From the Colleges

Look to the Future

- 40% of all new Jobs created within the next decade will be in skilled trades and technology (Source: Skills Canada)

Employability

- 85% of recent College graduates found employment within six months after graduation (Source: Colleges Ontario)

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Top Reasons From the Colleges

Innovative and Ground-breaking Programs

- Ten years ago, many of today's careers didn't exist. Ontario's Colleges are leaders in technology and workforce development, preparing students for the cutting-edge careers of tomorrow

Explorer Friendly

- Not sure what you want to do for the rest of your life? Ontario's Colleges help you to earn valuable credits while you figure out what your future holds

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Top Reasons From the Colleges

Real-world Experience While you Study

- Unique blend of academic learning and practical skills training
- Instructors with professional experience (they work in the field!)
- Hands-on training and real-world projects
- Co-op and work study options to gain experience in your chosen career before it has even begun



Top Reasons From the Colleges

Graduate with Less Debt

- Significantly lower tuition costs when compared to University
- College helps you get into the workforce faster thus you start making money at a younger age



“We’ll see you now, or we’ll see you later”

- The number of University graduates enrolled in Colleges has increased by more than 40% over the last five years (Source: Globe and Mail)



Four Kinds of Programs

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

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Admission Requirements

- Apprenticeship programs require a job in the field (require sponsorship)
- Certificate programs may only require a high school 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



Requirements for College Application

- OSSD
- 30 credits
- 40 Community Hours
- OSSLT (Literacy Test) or OSSLC (OLC40 – Literacy Course)
- ENG4C (for most programs) or ENG4U



Volunteer Hours

- 40 hours of community involvement are required by May 1st, 2024 in order to be eligible to graduate and attend University or College.
- 10 hours for Paid work and 30 hours for household duties will not be accepted as volunteer hours for June, 2024 graduates unless completed prior to June, 2023.
- Find a community volunteer opportunity on MacNab's website (click on Student Services, click on Community Involvement, use the links)
- Talk to a guidance counsellor if you are struggling to secure your 40 volunteer hours



- For 2023/2024 – the number of community involvement required to graduate is **40 hours**

City of Hamilton

YMCA

Good Shepherd

Neighbour to Neighbour

Blessings Church

Food4Kids – F4K

Habitat for Humanity

Beautify Hamilton

Environment Hamilton

Hamilton Public Library

Islamic Relief Canada

HBSPCA – Hamilton Burlington SPCA

Special Olympics



Requirements for College Application

- Some college programs in Science or Technology require specific courses (prerequisites)
- Some college programs require; CPR, first aid, a medical history, criminal record check and or an entrance exam
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have completed all prerequisites for their chosen program



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 application (OUAC)
- Some programs use the College application (found on ontariocolleges.ca)



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 that the school will send out 1000 offers (they know that 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 Works

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 a 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 MacNab Communicates

October, 2023

- Student information was shared with Ontario Colleges. This information includes:
- Demographics (name, address, etc.)
- Final Grades (from all high school courses, 9-11)



How MacNab Communicates

November, 2023

- Current mid-semester grades
- List of all courses that you are enrolled in for 2023/2024
- All available grades

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How MacNab Communicates

February, 2024

- Semester 1 final grades and currently enrolled Semester 2 courses (updated in case of drop and add)

April, 2024

- Semester 2 mid-semester grades



Important Dates

- Today's Assembly
- Deadline for Applying to College
- Date for equal consideration for highly competitive programs: February 1, 2024. Applications received and paid for before this date will be given equal consideration. Applicants for all programs are encouraged to apply before this date as website volumes are highest at this time



More Important Dates!

February 1, 2024

- Earliest date the Colleges may release offers.
- Offers will continue until programs are filled or waitlists are established

May 1, 2024

- The most common deadline for confirming an offer
- Applicants should check their offers of admission for exact deadline dates

June, 2024

- Tuition deposits are due in June



Visit the Colleges

- Mohawk offers an on-demand site with a lot of information about the College and their programs
- Visit their virtual recruitment materials at:
www.mohawkcollege.ca/open-house-at-mohawk



Visit the Colleges

Campus Tours

- Visit in person or on-line. Check College websites directly to book your tour! MacNab will advertise virtual tours and College contacts on MacNab's website (go to the Student Services tab)
- Some College representatives are hosting presentations at MacNab at Lunch. Mohawk College visited MacNab on November 2 (hopefully you attended!)



Visit Mohawk College

Fennell Campus

- Saturday, November 4, 2023 – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Centre for Aviation Technology at Hamilton International Airport

- Tuesday, November 7, 2022 – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Stoney Creek Campus for Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship

- Wednesday, November 8, 2022 – 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Open House Events

- From October 28 – November 8 (register on-line)



Ontariocolleges.ca

Ontario's Colleges are at the forefront of technology, innovation and workforce development thus preparing students for success in the cutting-edge careers of tomorrow.

On this website you can find information and apply to any of Ontario's 24 Colleges of applied arts and technology, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus or The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences. See the [Choose a College](#) page for a complete list



Ontariocolleges.ca Continued

Your checklist:

- Find a program
- Find the colleges that offer the program of choice
- Check the program's website
- Check admission requirements

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Cost of Applying to College

- College: \$110 is the application fee even if you only apply to 1 school and program. The \$110 fee allows you to apply to a maximum of 3 programs at one school and 5 programs in total
- Payment is accepted by VISA, MasterCard, Amex, money order, certified cheque, or online banking (but credit card is the fastest)
- Note: you cannot pay extra or submit a second application to add more programs or College choices



Ontario College Application System (OCAS)

- This is the organization that collects personal and grade information from college applicants and sends it on to the Colleges to which the applicant has applied
- The website for the application system is:
www.ontariocolleges.ca
- To find out more about apprenticeships visit the website for the:
[Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development](http://www.ontario.ca)



How to Apply to College

Information that you need to know before you begin your application:

- **OEN** (Ontario Education Number) and student number found on your school status sheet or transcript. Ask Student services for help if you need to find these numbers
- MacNab's Mident Number – **941719**
- A valid email address (personal **NOT** HWDSB)
- Your complete home mailing address including postal code



Getting Started with the Application

1. Go to: ontariocolleges.ca and click **APPLY**
2. Select the option that applies to you
3. New Users: If you have never created an account then click **SIGN UP TODAY**
4. Returning to your application: If you have an existing account then click **SIGN IN HERE**



Grades

- Colleges do not post admission averages
- Colleges post minimum grades (e.g. 70% in ENG4C1)
- Some Colleges will only use required course marks for admission (Mohawk does this). For example MCT4C
- 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 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 (good news!)
- Colleges will usually wait for summer school grades and re-evaluate your application in August (but not for all competitive programs)



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

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What does it Cost to go to College?

- Diploma Programs - \$2500+
- Graduate Certificate Programs - \$3500+
- Bachelor's Degree Programs - \$6000+
- Collaborative Programs - \$5000+
- Ancillary Fees - \$800+
- Books and supplies - \$1300+



Cost of Living – Different Considerations

- Do you want a private room or a room you share with another student?
- Do you want a full meal plan or do you want to cook or purchase some of your own meals (outside of a meal plan)?
- The cost of two terms in a student residence will usually cost between \$8000 - \$9000 with mandatory meal plan (Mohawk College example)
- If you want to live off campus then you will have to budget for the cost of rent, electricity, phone and internet, consumables, food and entertainment
- The tuition and cost of living for international programs varies



OSAP

- OSAP is a combination of grants and loans given to students who are pursuing post-secondary education
- OSAP is based on a series of criteria (family income, course load, program of study, etc.) to determine a student's eligibility
- You cannot apply for OSAP until you have been accepted and have confirmed your program choice
- Visit the following link for information on OSAP and apply:

<https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal>



Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships

- Are awarded for scholastic achievement (academics, school involvement, volunteerism, etc.)
- You do not pay back scholarships

Bursaries

- Are granted based on financial need (family income, student status, etc.)
- You do not pay back bursaries



Websites for Scholarships and Bursaries

StudentAwards.com

[Service Canada Centre for Youth](#)

[Ontario School Counsellors Association \(OSCA\)](#)

[Scholarship Report and Workshops](#) – Ms. G. emailed you the link and password (email her if you can't find the password and link)

Access to specific Scholarship and Bursary opportunities will be posted on the Student Services website and advertised on the school announcements once they become available



Questions?

- Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor if you have a question some time in the near future

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