

Applying to OUAC



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Welcome & Agenda

- Welcome
- Review of Key Dates and Strategies
- OUAC Walk-Through
- Questions

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

- Use www.ouinfo.ca to research
- Use www.ouac.on.ca to apply to Ontario universities
- OUAC=Ontario Universities Application Centre
- Students will apply to an undergraduate degree program at University where you earn a Bachelor's Degree (i.e. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science)
- Most undergraduate degree programs are four years in length

University Prerequisites

- Top 6 Grade 12 U/M courses including ENG4U + specific program prerequisite courses
- Some university programs limit the number of 'M' level courses you can have in your top 6
 - e.g. McMaster - Nursing Degree Program
ENG4U, (1 of MHF4U, MCV4U, MDM4U), SBI4U, SCH4U
+ 2 other 4U/4M courses
- Co-op, college and open level courses DO NOT count towards your university admission average

Repeated Courses

- Repeated mark policy varies from school to school
 - Some take the mark from the first attempt at the course
 - Some take the highest mark
 - Some take an average
 - Some give a penalty
- Students should check the minimum average and the repeated course policy for your university program of choice
- Where? University website OR ouinfo.ca

Ontario University Application Key Dates

- **September 18, 2025 – OUAC application platform opened**
- **January 15, 2026 – OUAC application deadline***
- **May 28, 2026 – Latest date by which a high school applicant who applied by the January 15 deadline can expect a response from a university**
- **June 1, 2026 – Deadline for an Ontario student to accept an offer of admission to an Ontario university**

Fees and Supplementary Information

- OUAC fee is \$156 for 3 choices
- \$50 for each additional choice beyond the first 3
- International Service Fee \$10
- Some schools have supplemental fees:
 - Guelph Landscape Architecture \$60
 - McMaster Engineering \$50, Health Sciences \$30
 - U of T Architecture \$100, Commerce \$51, Computer Science \$51, Engineering \$43.86, Medical Radiation Sciences \$50
 - Waterloo Architecture \$60, Engineering \$60
 - York (some programs in School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design) \$25
- Supplemental fees will be paid to OUAC at the time of application
- All fees are non-refundable

How do colleges and universities get my marks?

- **All Grade 11 and 12 marks are sent electronically by the HWDSB in November, February, April and July.**
- **Check your OCAS/OUAC account online after every reporting period and let your counsellor know about any errors – students will get an email alert when their profile is updated**

HWDSB Data Transfer Key Dates

- **November 6 – student data transfer**
 - All completed Grade 11 and 12 courses, plus courses in progress and projected Semester 2 courses
- **November 20 – Semester 1 midterm mark data transfer**
- **February 12 – Semester 1 final mark data transfer deadline**
- **April 24 - Semester 2 midterm mark data transfer deadline**
- **July 7 – Semester 2 final mark data transfer deadline**
- **Aug 3 through 31 – Summer School grades collection**

After each of these dates, you should receive an email from OUAC informing you that your file has been updated so you can check it for accuracy.

Important OUAC Mark Information

- **No matter when you apply, your marks will NOT be immediately visible on your OUAC application**
- **Once submitted, OUAC will "match" your application to your marks/data file using your OEN**
- **The earliest this will happen will be in mid-November, after the Nov 7 transfer**
- **This process takes a few days and students should check their academic information after it has been matched to their application**

Application Strategies

- 1) Check to be sure that programs and/or schools align (e.g. make sure student has more than one option for first choice of program).
- 2) Consider applying to one school outside of the GTHA.
- 3) As best as possible, apply to one program where you are very confident you will receive an offer of admission.
- 4) Consider applying by December 1; add more programs before the January 15 application deadline as necessary. Check whether the university has dates by which they recommend you apply – especially if you are interested in applying to the University of Toronto. U of T recommends a November 7 application deadline to be considered for their first round of offers.

Early look at Fall 2025 Program Categories (OSSS only)

Program Group	2024	2025	Change #	Change %
Commerce, Management & Business Administration	101726	109285	7559	7%
Computer & Information Systems	54143	39865	-14278	-26%
Engineering	60767	69974	9207	15%
Fine & Applied Arts	21896	21540	-356	-2%
Health Professionals & Related Programs	75196	89673	14477	19%
Liberal Studies & Humanities	49542	48154	-1388	-3%
Mathematics & Statistics	17776	17107	-669	-4%
Other	46	43	-3	-7%
Psychology	22194	21991	-203	-1%
Science	79963	88164	8201	10%
Social Sciences	69666	71928	2262	3%

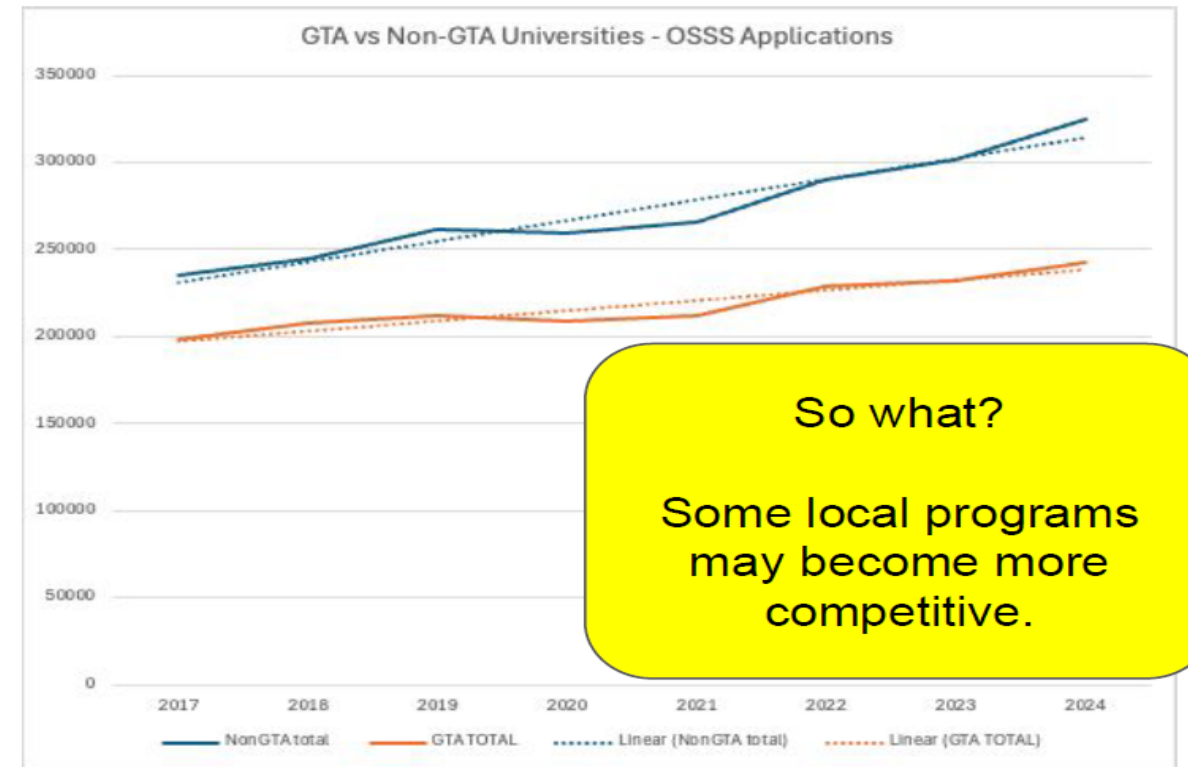
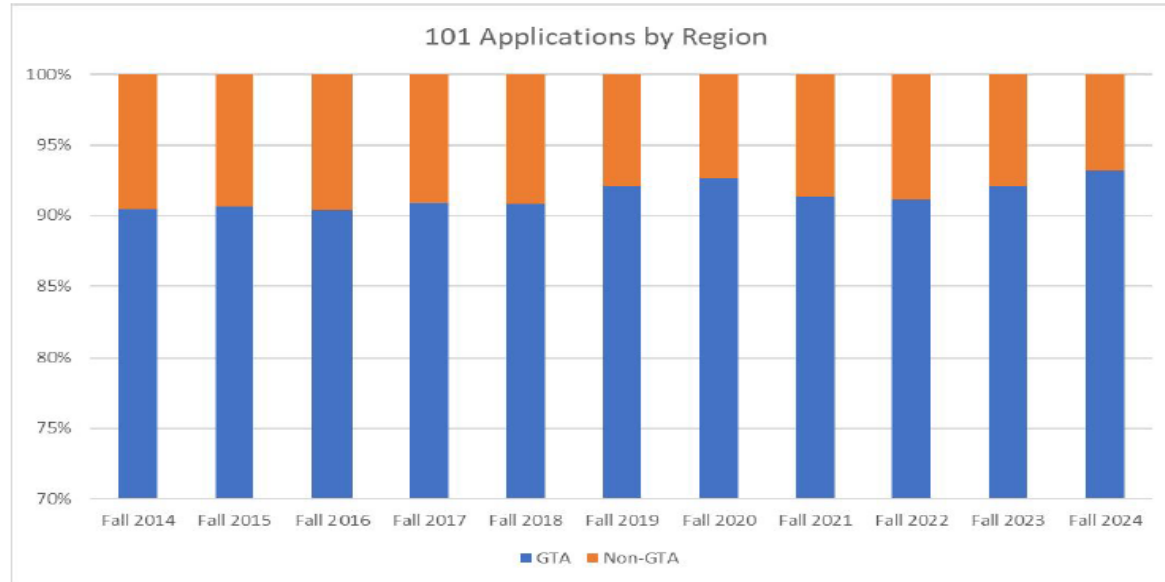
So what?

2025 may be easier to get into CS. Tougher to get into Engineering or Nursing/Health.

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/statistics/> - January Applications by Program Group, OSSS only

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Trend: Students Seem to be Sticking Closer to Home



Sources: TMU Internal Data - proportion of 101 Applications by Postal Code (GTA vs non-GTA)
and OUAC Applications by Institution (GTA=TMU, UofT, Mac, Ontario Tech, OCAD, York, Guelph-Humber)

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Sample Student 1: BSc Nursing

	Program of Choice	University
1	Nursing I (BSc)	McMaster
2	Nursing (BSc)	Western *
3	Nursing (BSc)	Queen's *
4	Nursing I	Mohawk
5	Nursing (BSc)	Nipissing *

- Nursing programs are in high demand provincially and the number of applications exceeds the number of seats available in programs
- NOTE: If you apply to Mohawk BSc Nursing, must apply in OUAC as a second choice at McMaster
- If nursing is your goal, always choose a school outside the GTHA
- * Learn and Stay Grant eligible

Sample Student 2: Health Sciences

	Program of Choice	University	Notes
1	Honors Health Sciences	McMaster	Min 90%, Supplemental application
2	Health Sciences	Western	High 80's/Low 90's
3	Bachelor of One Health	Guelph	80-85%
4	Health Sciences	Waterloo	Mid 80's REG High 80's COOP
5	Health Sciences	Ottawa	78% French Immersion available

- Offers to McMaster Health Science are based on a combined score of admission average and Supplemental application score.
- At least one choice needs to be a school where you know you will exceed the cut off average for the program.

Sample Student 3: Engineering/Staying Local

	Program	University	Notes
1	Engineering I	McMaster	Minimum 87%; admission by selection
2	Chemical and Physical Sciences Gateway	McMaster	Mid 80's
3	Automation Systems: Engineering Technology	McMaster	Minimum 82%
4	Mechanical Engineering	Guelph	84% - 89%
5	Integrated Engineering	Brock	Low 80's

- McMaster is a common first year Engineering program while Guelph requires students to apply for the specific discipline they are interested in
- McMaster also requires a supplemental application for Engineering I
- Choices 2 and 3 are not Engineering programs but allow a student to remain local while studying in a similar field

OUAC.on.ca



Ready to Apply?

Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario's universities.

Apply Now 



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After you have created an account, Log In using the Username and Password you created



Log In

Username ⓘ (required)

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[Recover your username](#)

Password (required)

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[Forgot your password?](#)

Log In

Create Account

Notes:

- You will use your username and password in all OUAC applications.
- Do not create more than 1 account.
- Do not use an account created by someone else.

Create My Account



You must create an account first and verify your email address

Select the Correct Application

Welcome, Test!

Continue an application you already started.



Undergraduate



Select the Undergraduate
Application

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Applicant Diversity Census

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You must answer these questions to proceed with the application. There is an option to select "prefer not to answer".

The Ontario universities are committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion. To that end, they would like to learn more about their applicants to ensure that they are recruiting and selecting classes representative of the Canadian population and addressing barriers to a university education.

To assist them in fulfilling these goals, the Ontario universities would like to ask you the following 4 questions.

Note: The universities you apply to may use your answers to:

Student Information on OUAC Application

- You must provide information about ALL institutions where you have registered in 1 or more high school courses. Institutions may include but are not limited to:
 - Westdale Secondary School
 - Previous high school attended
 - HWDSB summer school eLearning
 - Out-of-Board summer school
 - Private School
 - Ontario Virtual School
- You DO NOT need to include institutions where your home school registered you for courses (e.g. board virtual school, dual credit, SHSM, consortium eLearning)
- It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that Guidance is aware that you are taking that course so it may be added to your historical grades

Westdale Information

Institution Name

Westdale Secondary School

Will you be taking courses at this school anytime from Sep 01, 2025 to Aug 31, 2026?
(required)

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

2022 = 4th Year Students
2021 = Post Grad Student

Everyone selects Grade 12, even if you are a Post Grad student

Year and month you started at this school
(required)

Year Month

Highest Year Level Achieved

Diploma/Degree Type

Everyone chooses OSSD, including IB students

****If you attended another high school ANYWHERE, you need to add it as well****

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Summer School

Institution Name (required)

Choose the main campus from the drop-down list, not an affiliate or alternative location.
If your Ontario high school is not in this list, [contact the OUAC](#)  for assistance.

Hamilton Wentworth DSB Summer eLearning ▾



Will you be taking courses at this school anytime from Sep 01, 2025 to Aug 31, 2026?
(required)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Search Hamilton in the search bar and this choice will come up.
See your counsellor if you need help and/or took courses elsewhere (TDSB Online Summer Course, OVS, Blyth, etc).

Year and month you started at this school
(required)

Year ▾ Month ▾

Year and month you finished or will finish at
this school  (required)

Year ▾ Month ▾

Highest Year Level Achieved

▾

Diploma/Degree Type

▾

Use your transcript for summer dates. Only add Grade 11 and 12 credits.

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Ontario Education Number (OEN)

What is your Ontario Education Number (OEN)? ?



Look on any report card you have ever received or under your name in myBlueprint.

What is your Ontario Education Number (OEN)? Required field.

IB STUDENTS!!!

What is your International Baccalaureate (IB) program type (if applicable)?

Choose ▲

Choose

Certificate

Diploma

This is the spot on the OUAC application where you indicate if you are working on the IB Diploma or IB Course(s)

Contracted the services of an academic agent? ?



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Reviewing Your Application

Summary

You are steps away from sending your information to the universities you chose.

Important to continue to the next page:

1. Review warnings and fix any errors.
2. Select the eye icon to review the information in each tab.

Review My Application Information

My Personal Details



My Background



My Choices



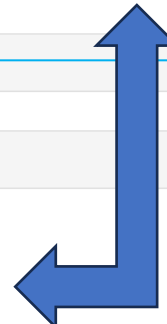
My Supporting Documents



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Continue

In order to access the "Continue" button, you must first fix any errors and click each "eye" to review the information in each section of the application



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Payment/OUAC Reference Number

- Once you arrive at the payment screen, it will take you to a separate site called Flywire to complete the payment
- When the payment is complete, you will be directed back to the OUAC application
- You will see that you have been assigned an OUAC Reference Number
- This number will be 2026-XXXXXX (where the X's are a numerical value)
- If you do not see an OUAC Reference Number, your payment may not have been successfully completed
- You will also receive an email informing you that your application has been submitted

Payment/OUAC Reference Number

Previous attachment

Payment Information

Flywire 

To pay:

- Select "Pay Now" to access Flywire's secure third-party portal in your OUAC application.
- Select the country you are paying from. If you live in a [sanctioned country \[PDF\]](#), review Flywire's [AML Compliance information](#) before you complete and attempt to pay for your application.
- Pick your preferred currency and method of payment.
- Enter your payer details and click "Pay".
- Click "Return to the OUAC" to return to your application.

[Download Invoice](#)

Note: Fraudulent use of credit or debit cards or demanding or obtaining unauthorized application fee reimbursement is considered unethical.

Questions? [Contact Flywire](#) if you have questions about your payment.

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Pay Now

Total Owing \$309.86

Your payment

OUAC receives

C\$	Amount * 309.86
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Amount will be formatted in the destination currency, in this case Canadian Dollars. i.e. 10,000.00 for ten thousand CAD.

The payment will come from

Country or region *
Canada

Next →

Select your preferred payment method



Debit Card in CAD

C\$314.51

Includes c\$4.65 fee

Select

Supports:



[Important info](#)



Credit Card in CAD

C\$316.83

Includes c\$6.97 fee

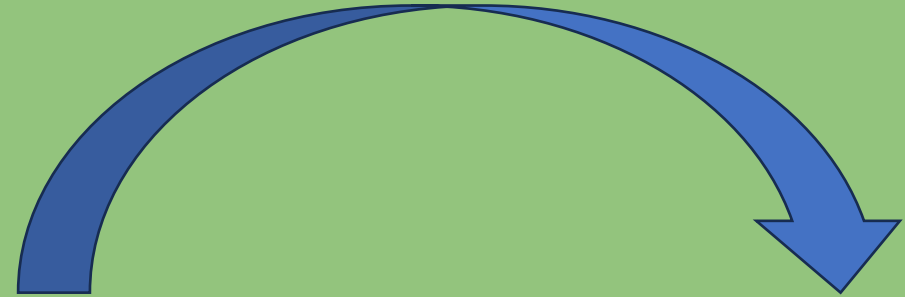
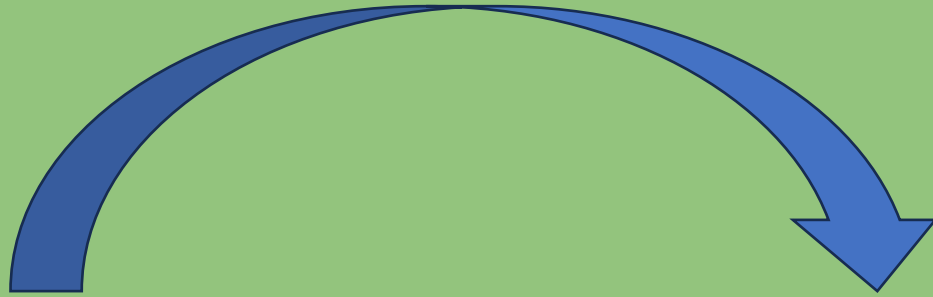
Select

Supports:



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Payment/OUAC Reference Number



Payer information

 Please provide the details of the person whose card/bank account will be used to pay.

(*) required field

Email *

First name *

Middle name

Family name *

Address 1 *

Address 2

Review and confirm payment information

Payment information

You will send

C\$316.83
INCLUDES C\$6.97 FEE

OUAC will receive

C\$309.86

Country or region

Canada

Payment method

You selected

Credit Card in CAD

You have successfully submitted your Undergraduate application. Your OUAC Reference Number is 2026 

You will be able to log back in to your application once we receive your payment and process your application.

Note: During peak periods, it can take up to 1 week to process your application.

Your university choices will acknowledge that they have received your application information 1 to 3 weeks after your application has been processed.

What's Next?

- For more information, refer to our [FAQs](#).
- Questions about transcripts? Refer to [Transcript Information](#).
- Questions about admission status? [Contact the universities directly](#).

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OUAC Walk Through

Watch and listen as Mrs. Parkes-Hallmark completes the OUAC application:

[OUAC Application Demonstration](#)

How-To Videos

OUAC provides step-by-step instructions for how to apply through video tutorials on their website.

You can access the how-to videos through the link below:

[How-to Videos | Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(ouac.on.ca\)](https://ouac.on.ca/how-to-videos)

Next Steps

- Do your research
- Know the deadlines for applications
- Understand the specific requirements for each school – visit university websites to confirm supplementary application information, recommended timelines for application, admission requirements
- Keep track of your Login ID, Passwords, etc
- Check your email regularly
- Your job isn't finished with the application. Know the deadlines for housing, scholarships, various deposits, course selections, etc
- Reach out to your Guidance Counsellor for support



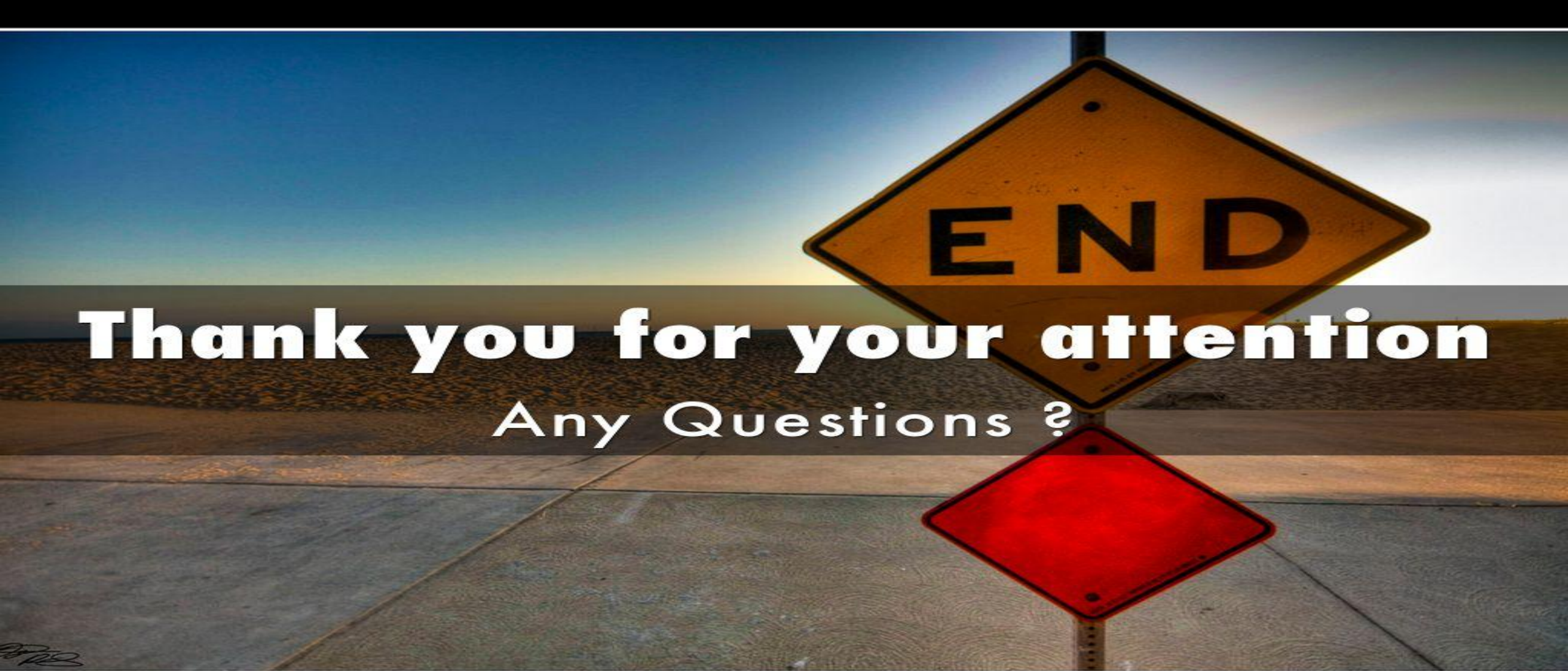
Who is my Counsellor?



Counselor	Alpha by Last Name	Email
Mrs. Quaglia	A – B	cquaglia@hwdsb.on.ca
Mrs. Parkes-Hallmark	C - G + IB students	kiparkes@hwdsb.on.ca
Mr. Meyer	H – M	dmeyer@hwdsb.on.ca
Mrs. O'Leary	N – V	coleary@hwdsb.on.ca
Ms. Kuder	W – Z + ESL/ELL/Visa Students	tkuder@hwdsb.on.ca



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A photograph of a road at sunset. In the foreground, a yellow diamond-shaped sign with the word 'END' in black letters is mounted on a pole. Below it is a red diamond-shaped sign. The road stretches into the distance under a sky with a gradient from blue to orange. The text 'Thank you for your attention' and 'Any Questions ?' is overlaid on the image.

Thank you for your attention
Any Questions ?

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