



Centennial Secondary School

2024-2025 Information Sheet

College Bound Students



Admission Requirements:

1) Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

We have already reviewed your graduation requirements with you in the past. Be sure to see guidance if you have any concerns about meeting the graduation requirements.

2) Gr. 12 ENGLISH:

ENG 4C or ENG 4U are both accepted. The colleges **do not** usually differentiate between college level or university level courses.

ENG 4E or OLC 4O will usually **not** be considered but some colleges offer course upgrade programs which would still allow you entrance to the program. If you are missing a prerequisite, reach out to their admission office, and enquire about academic upgrading.

3) Each college program may have other specific requirements as well.

Quite a few programs will require math and/or science as well. **DO NOT** assume that each program has the same requirements. Be sure to investigate the requirements for each school or program.

Part A: RESEARCH

Your research should begin at: www.ontariocolleges.ca

Find programs that seem to be of interest to you. Once you have found some programs, begin to investigate the courses you will be studying in your first year. If you do not like the courses, the program may not be for you and vice versa.

If you have any questions, we will try to answer them for you, but we cannot make decisions for you. It is your future and as such, you need to do what makes **YOU** happy. Make sure you are aware of the requirements.

To research program(s):

- 1) Go to www.ontariocolleges.ca (OCAS website)
- 2) Select **Programs**: Type in the name of a program you would like to investigate. You can use the filters on the left to refine your search.
- 3) When you find the program that interests you, simply click on **Website** to view the website for that program.



Pay attention to the Campus Location: Many Schools have multiple campuses and programs may be offered at more than one location. Each campus is considered one choice. Make sure you are aware of the campus you are applying to.

Part B: APPLYING

When you are ready to apply, you must first create an **account** on the ontariocolleges.ca site.

1. Select **APPLY Now**.
2. Select **CREATE AN ACCOUNT**
3. Follow the instructions.



Username: Your email will act as your username to login.

*Make sure your **DSBN Student #** and **OEN #** are on hand when you apply. These can be found on old report cards*

Application Fee: \$150

- You are allowed **5 program choices** on your application, but only up to **3 choices** at any one college.
- Rank them in order of preference.

Part C: ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Scholarships:

YOU are responsible for researching all scholarship opportunities. We will help you and pass information along, but do not rely on us to be your only source of information. Don't rely on everything being announced. Deadlines vary depending on the scholarship so be sure to pay close attention to due dates.



OSAP Ontario Student Assistance Program: <http://osap.gov.on.ca>

- 1) Be sure to apply to OSAP, whether you think you will qualify or not. It will open a lot of financial options for you down the road. Applying online is **FREE**.
- 2) We will have a guest speaker dealing with OSAP at the school later in the spring. (it may be virtual this year) Ideally, you will have determined which college you plan to attend.
- 3) You need to ask OSAP questions to the presenter or the financial aid office at **any** college or university, even if you do not plan on attending that school. They are the ones to ask about OSAP.

Important Dates:

- September 28th, 2024** Applications open
- December 20, 2024** Date that we recommend you complete your application by.
- November 1, 2024** Earliest date the colleges may release offers to applicants. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait lists are established.
- February 1, 2025** Final date to submit your application to OCAS to be given equal consideration by the colleges. The system can and has crashed on the last day so do not wait until then. You can apply to non-competitive programs after this date, but you will not know if it is competitive or not until after the date has passed.
- May 1, 2025** The most common deadline for confirming offers of admission - but not the only one. Applicants should check their offers of admission for exact deadline dates. Accept earlier if you have the option.

MAKE SURE YOU: Check your D2L Grade 12 Shell and email regularly, and don't miss deadlines. Continue to check your email, even after you have accepted any offers.

College Information Fair (Regional) Every fall, representatives from Ontario's public colleges tour the province to meet and talk with prospective students. If you are considering college, this is your chance to gather information about the colleges and programs you are interested in, all in one place. Nearly all Ontario colleges will be in attendance.	Monday, October 28 th 9:30-10:45 Niagara College, Welland *Free bus provided* You must register in advance in the Guidance Office beginning on Oct.8th Space is limited; first come first served.
Ontario College Fair (Provincial) The Ontario College Fair is an in-person event that brings together all Ontario Colleges in one location. You can meet with college representatives to gather information about programs, campuses, and admission requirements. You can even learn how to apply to college from the event.	 16 OCTOBER 2024 5PM - 9PM  17 OCTOBER 2024 9AM - 2PM ENERCARE CENTRE HALL B EXHIBITION PLACE, TORONTO FREE EVENT, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED