

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) **(6) grade 12 U/M level courses including ENGLISH (ENG4U).**

3) **Admission average:** is usually based on your top (6) gr. 12 U/M level courses, including **English and any other prerequisite courses.** (ie. Nursing students typically will have their admission average calculated based on English, Chemistry, Biology, a math, + 2 other courses, all offered at the gr. 12 4U/M level) This basic rule of thumb applies to **most** schools. Make sure you are aware of how your program calculates the average. (How are repeated courses looked at etc.)

4) The admission average which universities include in their guidebooks is just an estimate, usually based on the cutoff average from the previous year. Do not assume the cut off will be the same this year.

5) Similar programs at different schools often have different admission requirements. **Do not assume** that a similar program will have the same requirements. Be sure to investigate the requirements for each school or program individually.

Part A: RESEARCH

Your research should begin at: ouinfo.ca/

Start by determining the programs that require courses that you enjoy. (ie. History, English, Sociology: considering looking at liberal arts or social sciences. Math, Sciences: consider looking at Business, Engineering, Health Sciences etc.)

Once you have narrowed it down to the Arts, Social Sciences or Physical or Health Sciences etc., begin to look at programs in those specific fields and see which programs keep appearing of interest to you. **Look further into whether the courses you will be studying first year in a particular program are of interest to you.** If you do not like the courses, the program may not be for you.

Your research should continue at: ontariocolleges.ca

Colleges are increasingly offering Degree Programs!

It is recommended that you check to see if comparable programs are offered there. For example, Sheridan is only listed under colleges, but offers many Honours Bachelor programs, such as Accounting, Athletic Therapy, Data Analytics, and Game Design, all of which have 6 M/U requirements.

Part B: APPLYING

1. Apply at the **Ontario University Application Centre:** (OUAC) www.ouac.on.ca
2. The application window is:
September 26th, 2024 – January 15th, 2025
3. Reference the slideshow in D2L for step-by-step directions, or watch the tutorial videos on the OUAC website



Summary of Fees:

Base Application Fee: \$156
For the initial 3 university/program choices.

International Service Fee: \$10
If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant).

Additional Choice Fee: \$50/choice
Each additional university/program choice beyond the initial 3 will incur an additional charge. (e.g., if 2 additional university choices are added, it will require you to pay \$100 in addition to the base application fee).

There is no fee for replacing a program choice with another program choice at the same university.

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.

Any scholarship information received by Guidance is posted in D2L

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 university 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:	<u>OUAC</u>	<u>IMPORTANT</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Early October	Applications open		
December 20, 2024	Date that we recommend you complete your application by. Changes can still be made up to January 15th, 2025 . A change fee may apply.		
January 15, 2025	Deadline to submit your completed applications to OUAC. The system can and has crashed. You will be out of luck. Do not wait until this day.		
May 29, 2025	The latest date all high school applicants can expect a response from an Ontario university (who submitted their application by the January application deadline). This includes: an offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.		
June 2 nd , 2025	The offer of acceptance is valid until this day. You must accept by this date.		

You must accept your offer of admission on-line at www.ouac.on.ca/.

Do not forget to submit the changes to your application after your acceptance. This is an extra step.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Don't miss deadlines
- Check your D2L Grade 12 shell for important information
- Read all emails from OUAC or post-secondary institutions
- Continue to check your emails even after you have accepted an offer

UNIVERSITIES' FAIRS		
Regional	Provincial	
October 7th, 2024 10 am to 1 pm, and 6 pm to 8 pm Brock University, Ian Beddis Gym St. Catharines ON *Free bus provided for day session* You must register in advance in the Guidance Office. Space is limited; first come first served.	October 5-6, 2024 9:30 am to 5 pm, daily Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building	For more information go to: https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca 