



Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

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What is Apprenticeship?

- An apprenticeship is a hands-on training program for people who enjoy learning by doing and earning money while learning. An apprenticeship starts with an employer that is willing to take the person on as an apprentice. This can happen while still in high school through the OYAP program.
- The training provides access to well-paying jobs that demand a high level of skill, knowledge, judgment and creativity.
- Employers provide about 90 percent of apprenticeship training in the workplace. The remaining 10 percent involves classroom instruction which is delivered at an approved community college or training delivery agent.
- Upon successful completion of the practical and in-school components, an apprentice has an opportunity to write the provincial/interprovincial exam to become a certified journeyman in a skilled trade.



***Level 3 trade school is only done in certain trades.*

What trades are available in Ontario?

There are 156 apprenticeable trades in Ontario divided up into Construction, Industrial, Motive Power and Service sectors. Go to www.apprenticesearch.com/abouttrades for more info.

What is Cooperative Education?

Cooperative education is a structured method of practical work experience and classroom based education in high school, where a student can earn high school credits while test driving a potential career. Up to 2 coop credits can count towards compulsory graduation requirements.

What is OYAP?

1. OYAP Coop – A student must:

- be at least 16 years of age
- have completed at least 16 credits in high school
- be enrolled as a full-time student during the program
- doing a coop placement in an apprenticeable trade
- complete an OYAP Participation form

NOTE: The student may be in Concentrated OYAP, SHSM, or co-op education programs.



What is the College of Trades?

The Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) is a regulatory body for skilled trades in Ontario. All apprentices with a Registered Training Agreement MUST join. While in OYAP, this is free.



What does the College of Trades have to do with OYAP?

If you have a signed Registered Training Agreement, you must become a member of the College. Membership is free while you are in school. You will receive a membership application form once you are registered as an apprentice or you can download it from www.collegeoftrades.ca. It must be sent to the College of Trades ASAP. You will receive a membership ID card in the mail.



2. Concentrated OYAP

A bundle of at least 2 grade 11 and 2 grade 12 Technological Education courses and 2 coop courses must be taken. The level 1 Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities curriculum together with the Ministry of Education curriculum are taught. Students will also receive certifications while in the program.

The programs include:

- Auto Body
- Brick & Stone Masonry*
- Carpentry/Cabinetmaking
- Chef / Baker
- Child & Youth Worker
- Construction Craft Worker*
- Child Development Practitioner
- Electrical
- Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning
- Hairstyling
- Transportation
- Precision Machining / Millwright
- Welding

**These programs teach the level 1 apprenticeship course at a Training Centre.
To apply, see your school guidance counsellor or apply to www.onsorts.ca*

How do I apply for OYAP?

If you wish to be part of the OYAP coop program, meet with your coop teacher when you are taking coop and fill out the OYAP Participation Form.

If you are interested in taking one of the Concentrated OYAP programs, please see your school guidance counsellor.

How do I get registered for an apprenticeship while in high school?

1. Check with your coop employer to make sure they are willing to register you as an apprentice
2. Inform your coop teacher that you would like to be registered as an apprentice
3. The coop teacher will give you a "Request for Registration" form that must be filled out and returned to the coop teacher
4. A Registered Training Agreement will be produced, which will require the employer's, student's and possibly the parent's signature, and will be returned signed to the coop teacher.



How do I get more information about OYAP or Apprenticeship?

- Contact your school's coop teacher or guidance department
- Visit www.oyap.com
- Visit www.apprenticesearch.com
- Visit the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) at <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>
- Visit the College of Trades website at www.collegeoftrades.ca
- Contact the board representative, which can be found on www.haltonpathways.ca

