**ONTARIO COLLEGES**

**How to Apply:**

* Online applications are open now – [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
* In November, colleges will begin to receive applications.
* **February 1st** is the **equal consideration deadline** (do not wait until the deadline, apply early).

**Fees:**

* $95 non-refundable application fee – includes up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college).
* Mid June – Tuition deposits due

**Quick Facts & Stats:**

* “40% of all new jobs created within the next decade will be in skilled trades and technology.” – Source: Skills Canada
* “84% of recent college graduates found employment within six months of graduation.” – source: Colleges Ontario
* “The number of university grads enrolled in colleges has increased by more than 40% over five years.” – Source: Globe & Mail

**Why College?**

* More flexible with program delivery than universities are.
* Smaller class sizes (average class size is 30 compared to 130 in 1st year university).
* More economical than university – graduate with less debt.
* Many innovative and ground breaking programs.
* Real-world experience before graduation and more hands-on classes.
* Most have bridging programs and partnerships with universities.
* Financial assistance, disability services, tutoring programs & onsite counselling is available.

**Type of Programs at Ontario Colleges:**

* **Certificate Programs** – two semesters (one year) of study.
* **Diploma Programs** – 4 semesters (two years) of study.
* **Advanced Diploma Programs** – 6 semesters (three years of study).
* **Degree Programs** – four years of study
* **Collaborative & Joint Degree Programs** – offered jointly by a college and partnering university – students earn both college and university credits.
* **Co-op & Apprenticeship Programs** – all colleges offer a variety of these.