

ATTENTION GRADE 11 and 12 STUDENTS

Ever dream of owning your own café, working on Bay Street, becoming a nurse, being a carpenter, or pursuing a career in geomatic engineering?

Not sure how to make these dreams a reality?

Then continue reading for very important information about planning for your future because it begins NOW!

What type of learner are you? What careers would you naturally excel in?

It is important that you understand what type of learner you are in order to be more successful in school.

This information will also help you decide what types of careers are best for you. Start now by logging into www.myblueprint.ca and completing the following inventories:

1- Learning Styles

- answering these questions will help you determine what type of learner you are as well as provide you with study tips based on your learning styles.

2- Explorations (Gr. 10-12)

- answering these questions will help you determine what types of careers you will potentially excel in-use this to guide your decision making.

Do you have some ideas but don't know where to go from here?

Now that you have done some homework, know what your strongest learning styles are, and have an idea of what types of careers you may be successful in, it is time to start researching how to get there.

- 1- There are many ways to do this, you can ask friends or family, speak with your teachers and guidance counsellors, seek advice from neighbors or community members **BUT** the best way is to inform yourself by researching what and how to achieve your goals.

- 2- Complete the *Post Secondary Planner* on www.myblueprint.ca to begin exploring post-secondary options
- 3- Research program options on <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/> and www.ontariocolleges.ca

What are the differences between colleges and universities?

Visit www.ONtransfer.ca for more detailed information. The following information is taken from the ONTransfer website.

- Generally, colleges offer one year certificates, two year diplomas, three year advanced diplomas, four year degrees in applied areas of study and one year graduate certificate programs for students who have completed a diploma or degree.
- Colleges also offer the in-school portion of apprenticeship training programs and collaborate with the Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities to offer specially designed second career training opportunities for adults.
- Universities offer Bachelor’s degrees and first professional degrees, as well as graduate programs leading to Master’s degrees and Doctorates.
- Some colleges and universities have developed collaborative programs, also called joint or integrated programs, where students study at both institutions either sequentially or concurrently.
- Private career colleges also offer vocational training in many communities. For detailed information, please visit the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities website to find a school.

Ontario University Application	www.ouac.on.ca
Ontario Colleges Application Service	www.ontariocolleges.ca
Ontario Student Assistance Program	www.osap.gov.on.ca
Ontario Council on Articulation and	www.ontransfer.ca
Test of English as a Foreign Language	www.toefl.org
Educational Testing Service (ETS)	www.ets.org
Scholastic Aptitude Test – US	www.collegeboard.com

Electronic Info (E-INFO)	https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/
My Blueprint	www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb

Important Information:

- Virtual and night school grades from the TDSB are sent directly to NACI – any courses taken *outside* the Toronto public system (including international language courses and courses from the Catholic board) are **not sent** to NACI – check that they have been recorded.
- Summer school grades are your responsibility. An official final report card/document must be sent directly to OUAC as soon as you have received it (if the course was not taken with the TDSB).
- It is important to keep your counsellor informed of any special circumstances which may affect your academic performance.
- Be very cautious when taking courses with a private school- check with your Guidance counsellor to ensure that the private school is accredited **before** paying any money for a course

****When in doubt, ask about! Make an appointment with your Guidance counsellor to discuss program options****