

PREPARING FOR GRADE 12 COURSE SELECTIONS

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This is an online tutorial intended for students that are preparing for Year Four course selection, qualification for graduation and for post secondary planning. This includes options such as:

- (1) entering the World of Work
- (2) beginning an Apprenticeship
- (3) applying to College
- (4) applying to University

PREPARING FOR YEAR FOUR

(1) Review the Guidance program. The choices for Year Four are a culmination of knowledge and understanding that have been developed in the Intermediate years. These materials should be reviewed with the Year Three program and results in order to facilitate Year Four planning. This would include:

Grade 9 - Career Cruising www.careercruising.com Activity sheet

Grade 10 - Career Matchmaker Booklet "Plan Your Education" and Career Cruising Activities

Grade 11 - Online Tutorial for Year Three students and review of Career Cruising Portfolio

Note: *The school calendar (online) is a valuable resource for students and their families and should be used beyond the option sheet process.*

(2) Students should be aware of their credit situation upon entering Year Four.

(3) The Guidance Department highly recommends that all community service hours be completed prior to Year Four in order to avoid potential complications with graduation eligibility and admission to post secondary institutions.

(4) With the exception of a grade 12 English and a Grade 12 Religion credit, the Guidance Department recommends that all students complete the remaining compulsory OSSD requirements prior to Year Four.

(5) To qualify for graduation, in addition to the successful completion of 40 approved community service hours and the literacy test, students must complete 30 credits including all compulsory credits outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Education. **Students must understand that earning an OSSD will not automatically qualify them for the post secondary destination of their choice.** In order to qualify for specific programs, students must have the necessary prerequisites, experience and achievement in order to be considered.

POST SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

(1) Transition to Work

Workplace of “E” level courses are generally sufficient. Students are recommended to finish high school with a grade 12 Math course. For students requiring assistance appointments can be made with Job Connect.

(2) Apprenticeships

For the maximum number of apprenticeship opportunities, college level courses as a minimum are recommended. Generally speaking, above average results are required in technical areas as well as fundamental subjects such as Mathematics and English. Since the achievement of an OSSD does not automatically qualify a student for an apprenticeship, students interested in apprenticeships are encouraged to consider College certificate and diploma programs in skills training.

(3) Community Colleges

College level courses as a minimum are required for consideration for College admission to Ontario Colleges as well as Colleges across Canada. The majority of credits taken in Year Three and Year Four must be taken at the “C” or “O” level (U level courses can also be taken) including ENG3C in Year Three and ENG4C in Year Four. Although ENG4C is the universal prerequisite for admission to College, specific programs will have additional required courses. Some common examples are:

- a) Business Programs often will require MAP4C
- b) Technology Programs often will require MAP4C
- c) Environmental Science Programs often will require MAP4C, SBI3C and SCH4C
- d) Health Science Programs such as Practical Nursing, Massage Therapy and Dental Hygiene will often require MAP4C, SBI3C, SCH4C

Community College Programs can be of varying lengths from two to eight semesters. Some of the major distinctions are:

One Year (Two Semester) programs lead to a Certificate

Two Year (Four Semester) programs lead to a Diploma

Three Year (Six Semester) programs lead to a Diploma

Notes:

< The majority of College programs are two years (four semesters) in length.

< Some Colleges offer Applied Degrees which can be four years (eight semesters) in length.

< Many opportunities exist for students to complete College diploma requirements and then be admitted to a University. Additional information is available at the Ontario College University Transfer Guide at www.ocutg.on.ca

< In order to apply to Colleges in Ontario, students must apply directly to OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Service) www.ontariocolleges.ca. Help and assistance will be provided by the Guidance Counsellor assigned to senior students. Applications for September 2013 will be done in early December 2012 - a final date will be announced in September 2012. For applications to Colleges outside of Ontario, students must make an appointment to see their Guidance Counsellor.

(4) Universities

In order to apply for a University in Ontario and the rest of Canada, students must earn at least six grade 12 “U” or “M” credits. Admission to a University will be based on meeting the required grade expectation of the school and program in question. Some programs will require other criteria for admission in addition to the grade sent by Holy Cross Guidance Department. Examples of additional criteria are:

Portfolios - required for Fine Arts, Architecture, Graphics

Auditions - required for Dramatic Arts and Music

Essays - sometimes required for Social Work

Personal Statement - sometimes required for Education and Social Work or by a particular university for all applicants

Students applying to Ontario Universities will make application to the Ontario Universities application Centre - www.ouac.on.ca . Help and assistance will be provided by the Guidance Counsellor assigned to senior students. Applications for September 2013 will be done in early December 2012 on a date announced by HCSS Guidance. For applications to Universities outside of Ontario, students must make an appointment to see their Guidance Counsellor.

Note: Some Universities across Canada will restrict the number of “M” credits for admission considerations. This is vital information for students considering McGill University in Montreal and St. Mary’s University in Halifax.

Some Common University Programs will require the following prerequisite courses (variations can occur school to school) - a total of six grade 12 “U” or “M” courses is always required for Ontario.

Bachelor of Arts - ENG4U plus five other “U” or “M” courses

Bachelor of Science - ENG4U, two 4U Science credits (in some cases, all 3 4U courses are recommended or required), two 4U Math (particular programs often will specify the exact course or courses to choose from)

Business Programs - ENG4U, two 4U Maths (some programs will require specific 4U Math courses)

Physical Education - ENG4U, one 4U Math (some may specify a particular course), SBI4U

Engineering - ENG4U, SPH4U, two 4U Math (particular programs will often specify the exact course)

Nursing - ENG4U, SBI4U, SCH4U, one 4U Math

Note: The above information provides general guidelines. For specific information regarding prerequisite courses at certain Universities, students must consult the University or the OUAC website. Prerequisite requirements do vary.

RESEARCHING FUTURE OPTIONS

Job Connect www.jobspeterborough.ca

Apprenticeships www.apprenticeshiptrades.ca

www.edu.gov.on.ca

www.tradeability.ca

Colleges in Ontario www.ontariocolleges.ca

Canadian Colleges www.accc.ca
University in Ontario www.ouac.on.ca
www.electronicinfo.ca
Canadian Universities www.aucc.ca
Colleges & Universities in Canada www.schoolfinder.com
Scholarships/Bursaries www.hcss.ca Go to Grad Links section as well as
www.studentawards.com and www.scholarshipscanada.com