

APPLYING TO COLLEGE



Step 1 – Research Programs and Colleges

The first step in applying to college is to research the programs and colleges available to you.

www.ontariocolleges.ca

This website will help you to decide what programs you would like to apply to, you can:

- See a [College Map](#) to find a campus near you
- Browse the [Find a Program](#) tool to see all college programs offered in Ontario
- Visit [college websites](#) for more details about their programs and [admission requirements](#)
- Attend a [college recruitment](#) event to meet college representatives

Step 2 –Make Your List

Before you start your application, you should have the following information for each college program you wish to apply to:

Example:

College Name	Program Name	Program Code
Niagara College	Acting for Film and Television	0198
Humber College	Biotechnology	BT211

An application allows you up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college).

Important Information Before You Apply

- The application processing fee is \$95.00 (non-refundable).
- Payment Methods
 - **Online.** With Visa (including Visa Debit), MasterCard or American Express.
 - **By phone.** You can Toll-free in Canada: 1.888.892.2228 to pay over the phone using Visa (including Visa Debit), MasterCard and American Express.
 - **Mailing a Certified Cheque / Money Order.** Make the certified cheque or money order payable to 'ontariocolleges.ca' and be sure to include your 9-digit application number as well. The mailing address is:

ontariocolleges.ca
60 Corporate Court
Guelph, ON N1G 5J3
Canada

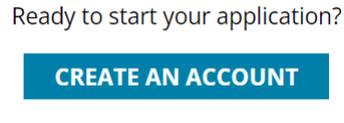
Do not send cash in the mail.
 - **All fees are non-refundable.** There will be an additional \$25 fee for returned items. This fee applies to all payment items returned to us for any reason including NSF, a closed account, stopped payment or post-dated cheque, etc.
- An application allows you up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college).
- All program choices must start within the same academic year (August-July of 2022-23). **Most students will choose September 2022.**
- There may be additional fees to request transcripts.
- Your username is permanent.
- Your password must be between 8 and 14 characters in length.
- Use a valid email address.
- DO NOT create more than one account.
- The application works best in Internet Explorer 11, Edge, Firefox latest version, Chrome latest version or Safari 13+ and IOS 13+.

Step 3 – Create an Account

The next step is to create an account with www.ontariocolleges.ca and begin your college application.

You will need to have your STUDENT NUMBER and your OEN NUMBER ready to enter. You can find this information on any Report Card or in your ASPEN portal.

If you have never applied through ontariocolleges.ca before, click the "Create an Account" button to get started. Look for this:



Your ontariocolleges.ca account allows you to:

- Apply to any of [Ontario's public colleges](#)
- Review and update your college application
- Request Ontario high school transcripts (from [participating schools](#))

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS – Guidance will upload for you!

- View and accept offers of admission

Step 4 – Apply

- Log in to your account.
- Fill in your personal information and educational history.
- Add your program choices.
- Request your transcripts. **(Laura Secord students do not need to request transcripts.)**
- Pay the application processing fee.
- Log back in to verify your grades. **Guidance will make announcements.** Log back in to make changes or updates to your application. (Changing your program choices after February 1 may affect your chances of receiving an offer, as applications will be considered first-come, first-served. Note that removing a program choice will notify the college you are no longer interested in that choice.)
- Log back in after November 1 to view and confirm offers of admission.

Tutorial Video

The screenshot shows the Ontario Colleges website interface. At the top left, the URL 'ontariocolleges.ca' is visible. The main header features a video player with the title 'How to Apply to Public Colleges in Ontario' and a large 'Start Applying' button. A navigation sidebar on the left includes icons for Home, Profile, Apply, and Docs. The main content area displays a question: 'When would you like to go to college?'. Below this, there are two buttons: 'Before Jul. 31, 2020' and 'After Jul. 31, 2020'. The 'After Jul. 31, 2020' button is selected. Below the buttons, a text block states: 'To start school after Jul. 31, 2020 you will want to apply to the **2020-2021 application cycle** that includes all programs starting **between Aug. 1, 2020 and Jul. 31, 2021.**'. A central card for the '2020-2021' cycle shows a calendar icon and the dates 'Aug. 1, 2020 - Jul. 31, 2021', with an 'Apply Now!' button at the bottom.

Highly Competitive Programs

Some programs offered by Ontario colleges are considered highly competitive, which means that there are more qualified applicants for the program than there are seats available for the fall start date.

In order to be considered for admission into these programs, applicants **MUST** apply on or before the **Equal Consideration Date (February 1)**. After this date, seats in highly competitive programs may be filled and applications to these programs may be closed.

Applicants will be accepted for highly competitive programs in the following priority:

- Permanent residents of Ontario
- Permanent residents of other provinces or territories in Canada
- Applicants from other countries

Depending on the program, colleges may require specific secondary school subjects as prerequisites, and they may set minimum grade cut-offs in these subjects. Some programs may also require a portfolio, essay, or other supporting documentation.

Applicants are encouraged to visit **college websites** for more details about admission requirements to highly competitive programs.

Which programs are highly competitive?

If you're browsing programs using our **Find a Program** tool, the program details will indicate if a program is highly competitive.

Important Dates

Early October 2021: Online Application Opens

In early October, access to the online college application becomes available for programs beginning in the following academic year (August to July). You may create an account and [begin your application](#).

November 1, 2021: Earliest Offer Date

This is the earliest date that colleges may begin to send offers of admission to programs for the upcoming academic year. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.

February 1, 2022: Equal Consideration Date

Apply on or before this date in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to [Highly Competitive Programs](#) must be received by this date in order to be considered. As these programs receive a high volume of applicants, all seats may be filled by February 1.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time.

May 1, 2022: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to [confirm your offer](#).

June 2022: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.