

## AFTER HIGH SCHOOL??

You have many options after high school. To help you choose the appropriate courses, the following are some basic guidelines for each destination:

### UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- OSSD.
- ENG4U is required for **every** University program.
- Minimum* overall average of 60% in 6, Grade 12 University (U) or University/College (M) courses.
- Some schools require at least 4 of the 6 courses to be “U” level. The remaining courses may be 12 U or 12 M.
- Program specific prerequisite courses **must** be at the Grade 12 U level. You must have **all** the prerequisites to be considered for admission.
- Overall average is calculated using top 6 marks, including program specific course requirements.
- Applied and collaborative degrees offered at colleges also require 6 4U/M level courses.
- Check individual calendars, [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) or [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) for specific prerequisites. **Every** University and each program has individual requirements.*

### COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- OSSD.
- Grade 12 College (C) and College/University (M) courses are acceptable.
- University (U) courses are acceptable, but not required except in some health science programs.
- Workplace courses may be used in a limited number of programs (call the College Admission Office for clarification).
- Check individual calendars, the Ontario College Guide ([www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)) or [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) for specific prerequisites. **Every** College and each program has individual requirements.*

### UNIVERSITY AFTER COLLEGE?

- Good News! With the introduction of 'articulated agreements' it is now possible to go to University without having the high school prerequisites. You may **not** however, enter University directly from high school. This is a University degree in a different way:
- Go to college first then through a pre-arranged agreement you can transfer to the university, complete the designated courses there, and get your degree. You finish with both a degree and a diploma – the best of both worlds – job skills (college) + theory (university)!
- Check individual college calendars for details. Look under “articulation agreements”. Also refer to the Ontario College University Transfer guide [www.ontransfer.ca](http://www.ontransfer.ca)*

### APPRENTICESHIPS

- Each trade has specific requirements.
- Generally grade 12, *including* grade 12 Math and English, are required.
- Prospective apprentice must find own employer, then register with the Apprenticeship Office. The training time is divided between in-class (college) and hands-on learning.
- check websites: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario> and [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca); call the Barrie Office at (705)737-1431*

### ***PRIVATE CAREER COLLEGES***

- Offer various career training courses.
- Most require OSSD and many require specific high school courses depending on the program applied to.
- Examples in Orillia: Marvel Beauty School, Rodgers Truck Training, Academy of Learning.
- Check information in the Guidance Office or consult local phone book. We encourage you to check that the college in question is registered with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/private-postsecondary-schools>. These schools are very expensive but usually shorter duration than community colleges. Ensure that employers will acknowledge their certifications.

### ***WORKPLACE***

- Most employers require the OSSD.
- References from teachers would be valuable.
- Hands-on experience from Coop or peer assisting is recommended.
  - The local employment centres at Orillia City Hall and Georgian College have listings of local jobs. Also check job posting websites like: [www.workopolis.ca](http://www.workopolis.ca) , [www.indeed.ca](http://www.indeed.ca)
- A professional looking resume is needed. Books are available in Guidance to help you prepare a resume.
  - Check: [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) for useful resume writing, job descriptions and financial planning information