

Applying to College Fall of 2014



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- * User Guide – <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply>
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OCAS – What is it?

- * Ontario College Application Service
- * It is a non-profit corporation created by Ontario's 28 Colleges
 - Created to simplify the application process for Ontario Colleges
 - Each year there are 180,000 applications to Ontario Colleges



Important Dates

- ***February 1, 2015** – **Equal Consideration Date** (applications after this date are still processed, but are considered by the colleges on a first come, first-served basis until programs are full)
- ***May 1, 2015** – Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission
- ***June 15, 2015** – Earliest date colleges may require a payment of tuition fees from you



Fees:

- * Base Application Fee is \$95 (this gets you 5 College / program choices)
- * No more than 3 choices at any 1 College
- * All fees are Non – Refundable
- * Applications will not be forwarded to colleges until full payment has been received by ontariocolleges.ca



Application

- * The application works best in the following browsers:
 - * Internet Explorer 8+
 - * Firefox 17+
 - * Chrome 23+
 - * Safari 5.1



Method of Payment

◆ Three Options:

1. Credit Card
 - * MasterCard
 - * Visa
 - * American Express
2. Online Banking
3. Certified Cheque or Money Order



How to Apply

- * www.ontariocolleges.ca
- * Click on “How to Apply”
- * Click on “Create an Account”, create a username and password
- * You will need a valid and appropriate email address
- * Ontariocolleges.ca will send you an email with a link to activate your account
- * You will need your OEN (Ontario Education Number) – you can get this from your timetable or CCS




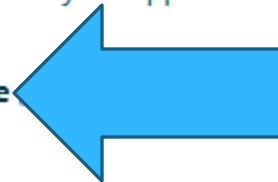
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How to Apply

- Log in to your account.
- Fill in your personal information and educational history.
- Add your program choices.
- Request your **transcripts**.
- Pay the application processing fee and any transcript fees.
- Log back in to verify your transcript information, or to make changes or updates to your application.
- Log back in after February 1 to view and **confirm offers of admission**.

For a step-by-step tour of the secure online application,  **download the user guide**



Important Dates

- October: Applications become available for programs starting the following fall.
- February 1: **Equal Consideration Date** - apply to **highly competitive programs** by this date.
- February 1: Colleges may begin sending offers of admission.
- May 1: Deadline to confirm offers (colleges may extend offers after this date).
- See the **Important Dates** page for more information.



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- * Do your research at www.ontariocolleges.ca under the “Plan” and “Find” tabs
- * Each college calculates your admission average a little different. Conestoga College does this by the pre-requisite courses only (English is very important!)
- * Be aware of additional requirements (i.e. Auditions, Portfolios, Tests, Questionnaires/Essays)
- * Some programs are highly competitive and/or oversubscribed - have a back-up plan (i.e. apply to a “foundations” program)



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- * You can make changes to your application
- * Make sure your start date is correct when you select your program (Aug 2015 or Jan 2016)
- * Visit the Colleges – book a campus tour, attend the open houses (check the college websites).
- * Create a file folder for all of your correspondences with ontariocolleges.ca and the colleges that you apply to



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- * Colleges now offer University degrees (International Business, Engineering, Nursing) – require 6 U or M level courses (Apply through OCAS)
- * Apply early (before Christmas)
- * Once you have completed your application to college, you will be asked to have your school forward your transcript to the colleges – **WE WILL DO THIS AUTOMATICALLY FOR YOU – YOU DO NOT NEED TO REQUEST IT!**



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- * Be sure to check your application after report cards (end of first semester, second semester mid-term, and end of second semester final marks) to ensure your marks are correct!
- * To see your high school grades within your application
 - * Log in to your account
 - * Click on “Education” from the left navigation
 - * Under the “Academic Data on File” section, click “View Details”



Thank-you for listening!

Good Luck!

