

# TAKING THE NEXT STEP: PLANNING YOUR POST-SECONDARY YEARS



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# Agenda

- ▶ Status Sheets!
- ▶ Staying Connected
- ▶ Looking at the Destinations
- ▶ What are the 'Numbers'?
  - ▶ Costs, Loans, Scholarships, Bursaries, Finances
- ▶ Research! Have You Selected the Right Pathway?
- ▶ Application Process
- ▶ Important Dates for 2018-2019
- ▶ Apprenticeships - Gold Collar Work
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Mental Wellness
- ▶ What's Next?



# Did you check your Ontario Status Sheet for.....

- ▶ Number of credits and compulsory credits?
- ▶ Literacy test result? Are you in the course OLC401 with Mr. Shields if you are in need of meeting the literacy test requirement?
- ▶ Are your community service hours accurate?
- ▶ Note Regarding Honour Roll
  - ▶ Students must complete 6 day school courses during the 2018-2019 school year to be eligible for the Honour Roll
- ▶ Note Regarding Ontario Scholar
  - ▶ Students are Ontario Scholars for achieving 480 aggregate marks in 6 grade 12 courses at any level

# Staying Connected

CareerCruising

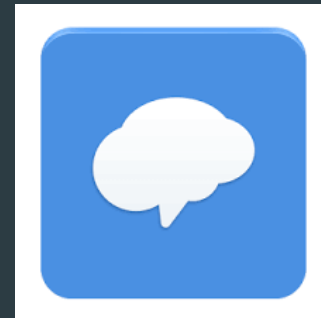
- ▶ Please ensure that you have up-to-date information in Career Cruising (especially your e-mail address)
- ▶ We will send e-mails regarding post-secondary workshops, presentations, community service....
- ▶ [www.careercruising.com/dcd](http://www.careercruising.com/dcd)
- ▶ Access features such as Self-Assessment, School Search, Career Search with Career Profiles, Video Clips and much, much more
- ▶ C.C. also posts employment opportunities. Look for the Employment link.
- ▶ Check the Guidance link on the DO'C web site for valuable links.

# REMIND

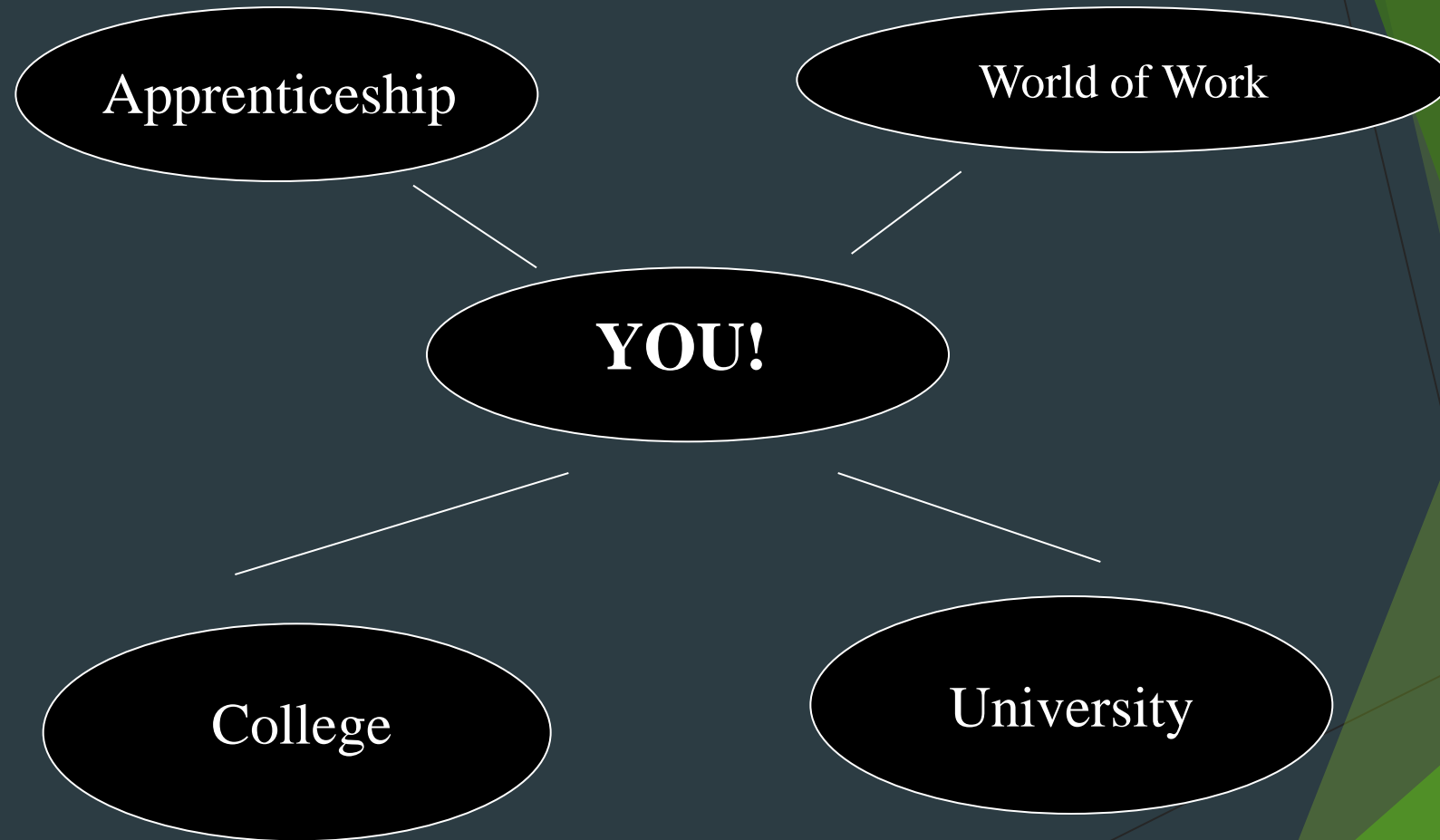
- ▶ Stay connected with Guidance by signing up for REMIND, a free, safe and simple messaging tool
- ▶ 3 ways to use REMIND; email, text or APP

TEXT: @docclass19 to:289-204-2198

- ▶ It will be the primary mode of communication with the Guidance Department at DO'C
- ▶ You will receive important date reminders, presentations, scholarships, community service opportunities, graduation, etc



# Looking at Destinations



# The Numbers!



# University Costs?

(as estimated by Wilfrid Laurier University in their 2018 Guidebook)

- ▶ Tuition - \$6,536-\$9,150
- ▶ Incidental Fees - \$1,314-\$1,444
- ▶ Books and Supplies - \$950
- ▶ Residence - \$4,941 to \$7,955
- ▶ Meal Plan - 3 options ranging from \$5,000 to \$5,400
- ▶ Plus
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Clothes
  - ▶ Spending Money
  - ▶ Telephone
  - ▶ Entertainment
  - ▶ TOTAL = Approx \$21,000





# University Costs?

(as estimated by UOIT in their 2018 Guidebook)

- ▶ Tuition - \$6,647-\$10,433
- ▶ Incidental Fees - \$982
- ▶ Books and Supplies - \$1,030-\$2,193
- ▶ U-pass - \$270
- ▶ Student Organization Fees - \$169
- ▶ Plus
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Clothes
  - ▶ Spending Money
  - ▶ Telephone
  - ▶ Entertainment
  - ▶ TOTAL = Approx \$9,500-\$13,000



# How about College? (as estimated by Durham College)

- ▶ Tuition for most diploma programs  
\$2,850-\$12,226
- ▶ Incidental and other fees - \$1,140
- ▶ Books/Supplies - \$700 to \$1000
- ▶ Plus
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Clothes
  - ▶ Spending Money
- ▶ TOTAL = \$6,000 - \$15,500



A place for you.

# How about College? (as estimated by Fanshawe College)

- ▶ Tuition for most diploma programs  
\$4,170
- ▶ Incidental and other fees - \$1,140
- ▶ Books/Supplies - \$1,675
- ▶ Computer related - \$500
- ▶ Residence - \$5,280-\$8,210
- ▶ Meal Plan - \$2,400-\$4,000
- ▶ Plus
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Entertainment
  - ▶ Clothes
  - ▶ Spending Money
- ▶ TOTAL = \$17,000 - \$20,115



**FANSHAWE  
COLLEGE**

# The New OSAP

- ▶ The 2018-19 Ontario Student Assistance Plan for full-time undergraduate university and college students has changed:
  - ▶ More focused on grants as opposed to loans
  - ▶ Money allocated based on comparing educational costs to personal financial situation
  - ▶ If household income is under \$50,000 students tuition is covered!
  - ▶ Questions? [ontario.ca/osap](http://ontario.ca/osap)

## OSAP - <http://osap.gov.on.ca>

- ▶ Application is on-line. OSAP Presentation will take place in May 2019 here @ DO'C
- ▶ Supporting documents must be submitted! Follow instructions at end of process.
- ▶ Parents must supply financial information
- ▶ Students can use the OSAP Aid Estimator as a guide to a possible assessment.
- ▶ New - funds will be deposited into student's bank account!

# Scholarships vs. Bursaries

## ▶ Scholarships

- ▶ an award based on a prescribed set of criteria. Often more than one criteria.
- ▶ similar to Graduation awards. Don't assume awards are only for marks or for those going to university.
- ▶ not always based on academics.

## ▶ Bursaries

- ▶ financial aid given that does not need to be repaid.
- ▶ primary criteria is financial need
- ▶ students contact the financial aid office of the school they are attending to initiate a bursary application
- ▶ From the Wilfrid Laurier University Web Site:
  - ▶ *Bursaries are based exclusively on financial need. They range in value from \$100 to \$2,000 and do not have to be repaid. You must apply for bursary assistance. More information on Bursary programs can be found on the Student Awards website.*

- ▶ Read THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT- new print resource located in the Scholarship Binder located in Guidance

# Scholarships

studentawards.com

- ▶ Graduation Awards
  - ▶ Student profile must be completed in May
- ▶ Searchable Scholarship Database on Electronic INFO ([www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca))
- ▶ University and College Scholarships
  - ▶ Search individual school web sites
- ▶ Web sites:
  - ▶ [www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca) (Click on Students, Scholarships)
  - ▶ [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
  - ▶ [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
  - ▶ [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)
  - ▶ [www.scholarship-grants.org](http://www.scholarship-grants.org)
- ▶ Scholarship Board (chart posted on school web site)
- ▶ Company, Organization Awards
  - ▶ ask family!

The logo for SCHOLARSHIPSCANADA.com features the text in a bold, sans-serif font. The word 'SCHOLARSHIPS' is in white, 'CANADA' is in yellow, and '.com' is in white. The text is set against a dark blue background with a pattern of light blue dots of varying sizes.

# Researching Your Options

- ▶ University and College Fairs
- ▶ School Presentations
- ▶ Print Resources
- ▶ On-Line Research
- ▶ Campus Visits





# University and College Fairs



- ▶ Ontario Universities Fair
  - ▶ September 28, 29 and 30 Metro Toronto Convention Centre
    - ▶ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
- ▶ College Information Fair (all Ontario colleges will be present)  
Enercare Centre (formerly Direct Energy Centre)- Exhibition Place
  - ▶ October 23 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - ▶ October 24 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ▶ Study and Go Abroad Fair (International University, Student Travel Expo, Work and Volunteer opportunities)
  - ▶ October 14 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - ▶ Metro Toronto Convention Centre
    - ▶ [www.studyandgoabroad.com](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com)
- ▶ Student Life Expo 2018 (includes select schools from the East and West)  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
  - ▶ October 27-28 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
- ▶ POST-SECONDARY FAIR @ DO'C  
Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:30pm  
All Ontario Universities, some East Coast universities and Ontario Colleges will be present!!

# E-INFO

- ▶ E-INFO is the main guide to Ontario universities
- ▶ Main Sections Include:
  - ▶ Find a Program
  - ▶ Degree locator charts
  - ▶ Dates and Notices
  - ▶ University Research Checklist
  - ▶ Application Information
  - ▶ Scholarships and awards
- ▶ E-INFO can be accessed on-line at: [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)
  - ▶ Be sure to use the searchable scholarship feature
- ▶ Ontario Universities Program Requirements Chart
  - ▶ See Guidance link on DO'C web site for the direct link
  - ▶ Lists all programs offered by school and displays the anticipated admission averages, prerequisite courses, admission process, school policies and more.



# Basic Requirements

- ▶ Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- ▶ Six grade 12 courses at the university (U) or college/university (M) level
- ▶ Some programs have specific admission requirements and 'unique policies'. Check school web site or Electronic INFO
- ▶ Look for requirements such as supplementary forms, auditions, portfolios...
- ▶ Example: U.O.I.T. - Engineering  
Six 4U/M credits, including ENG4U (minimum 60%), MHF4U, MCV4U, SCH4U and SPH4U. Combined minimum average of 70% in math and science courses with no grade below 60%.

# Things You Need to Know!!

- ▶ Summer School Courses
  - ▶ How are they viewed by the University / College
  - ▶ What are the Pros and Cons?
- ▶ Honour Roll vs Ontario Scholar
  - ▶ If you take a summer or night school course that grade is not factored in to your Honour Roll status; it is used for Ontario Scholar designation
- ▶ Repeated Courses
  - ▶ Most schools accept the highest grade; however there are some exceptions
  - ▶ Schools will/may not use the repeated course in calculating scholarships
- ▶ Students with Learning / Disability needs
  - ▶ Students with learning / disability needs must self identify with the school; Student Services
  - ▶ Students must provide documentation that supports their needs; Psychoeducational Assessment within 3 - 5 years; IEP not enough

# www.ontariocolleges.ca

ontariocolleges.ca

The application service for Ontario's colleges

- ▶ This web site is the site to apply to an Ontario College
- ▶ The site is broken down into four main sections:
  - ▶ How to Apply
  - ▶ Choose a College
  - ▶ Find a Program
  - ▶ FAQ
- ▶ Also contains information for parents

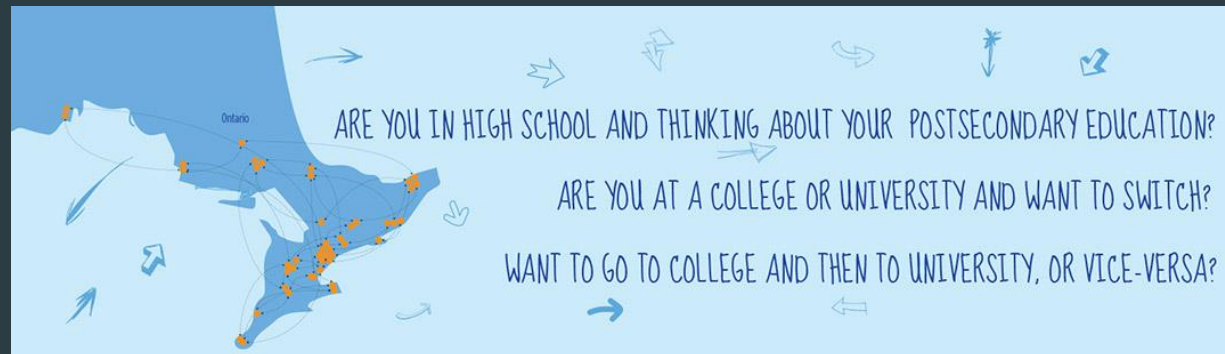
# COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

**Myth: People only go to college because they can't get into university**

- ▶ College programs have become very competitive; good grades are essential to an acceptance offer
- ▶ Nursing @ Centennial requires 87% average in ENG, MATH, BIO & 1 Additional Science
- ▶ Dental Hygiene @ G.B. requires 80-85% in ENG, MATH, BIO & CHEM
- ▶ S.S.Worker @ G.B. requires 75% average in ENG
- ▶ Vet Tech @ Seneca requires 85% average; 100 seats for 1,000 apps
- ▶ Important to know that colleges do not differentiate between U level and C level course!!! They take highest average

# College to University Pathway

- ▶ There are many programs, such as Practical Nursing, which begin at college and the option exists to continue studies at University
- ▶ Visit [www.ONtransfer.ca](http://www.ONtransfer.ca) for information on Transfer agreements between colleges and universities



# College Programs for Workplace Students (ENG4E)

- ▶ Algonquin College - have to write an admission assessment
- ▶ Canadore - ACE Program - Academic and Career Entrance
- ▶ Centennial - Hospitality Services, Auto Body Repair Techniques, Food Service Worker; students can also take the English Skills Assessment for applying to all programs!
- ▶ Confederation - College Access Certificate Program or General Arts and Science
- ▶ Durham - CICE Program
- ▶ Fanshawe - ACE Program



# College Programs for Workplace Students (ENG4E)

- ▶ Fleming - Blasting Techniques, Carpentry Techniques, Carpentry Technician, Esthetician, Heavy Equipment Operator, Office Administration, Personal Support Worker, Mechanical Techniques-Plumbing, Trades Fundamentals, Welding Techniques, Outdoor Adventure Education
- ▶ Loyalist- General Arts and Science
- ▶ Mohawk - Art & Design, Career Pathways, Human Service Foundation, Pre-Justice, Pre-Media and Entertainment
- ▶ St. Lawrence - Carpentry Techniques, Chef Training, Hairstyling

# Print Resources

- ▶ Individual school resources include books, school calendars, tuition, posters
- ▶ Ontario College Handbook, Why College?
- ▶ Employment Statistics
- ▶ SAT/ACT Booklets

# Campus Visits

- ▶ Find out if the university has an 'Open House'
- ▶ Network with students who are currently attending the colleges and universities you are considering
- ▶ Ask questions:
  - ▶ Do you make alternate offers?
  - ▶ How do you treat repeated courses?
  - ▶ What are your admission requirements for my program of interest?
  - ▶ Do you offer Coop programs?
  - ▶ What is your employment placement rate?
  - ▶ is your graduate placement rate?
  - ▶ Do you guarantee residence? How do you apply?
  - ▶ .....

# The On-Line Application Process 2018-2019

- ▶ University applications done through Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)
  - ▶ [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)
  - ▶ \$150 for your first 3 program choices, \$50 for each additional choice
  - ▶ No more than three choices per university
  - ▶ Apply for programs in order of preference as some schools may only offer admission to one program
  - ▶ Any changes made will cost \$50!
- ▶ College applications done through Ontario College Application Services (OCAS)
  - ▶ [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
  - ▶ \$95 for 5 program choices, no more than 3 choices at any one school. List choices in order of preference.
- ▶ Students will attend an application workshop in November

# University Dates

- ▶ January 17, 2019 - deadline for on-line applications to OUAC
  - ▶ acknowledgement letters will be sent to students by each university as applications are processed
- ▶ February 6, 2019 - Recommended last date to make changes, additions to be eligible for equal consideration (some university deadlines may be earlier than this)
- ▶ May 29, 2019 - latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university
- ▶ June 1, 2019 - earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission and a financial commitment from an Ontario secondary school student

# College Dates

- February 1, 2019 – deadline for applications to OCAS for equal consideration
  - Earliest admission offer date for all applications
- May 1, 2019 – College applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission. Colleges may adjust this date.
- June 15, 2019 – Earliest date that colleges will expect payment of tuition fees

# Applying Outside Ontario

- ▶ Schools outside of Ontario are not included in the OUAC or OCAS application process
- ▶ Contact each school of interest to you and request an application package (usually available on web site)
- ▶ Some universities obtain marks from OUAC (i.e. UBC, McGill)
- ▶ Attend university fairs representing the area
- ▶ If interested in a U.S. school - Become familiar with SAT and ACT tests

# Private Career Colleges

Numerous Private Career Colleges offer specialized training in areas such as Hair Styling, Massage Therapy, Computer Applications...

- ▶ <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/schoolsprograms/pcc/>
- ▶ [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)
- ▶ [www.oacc.on.ca](http://www.oacc.on.ca)

# Apprenticeships - Gold Collar Work

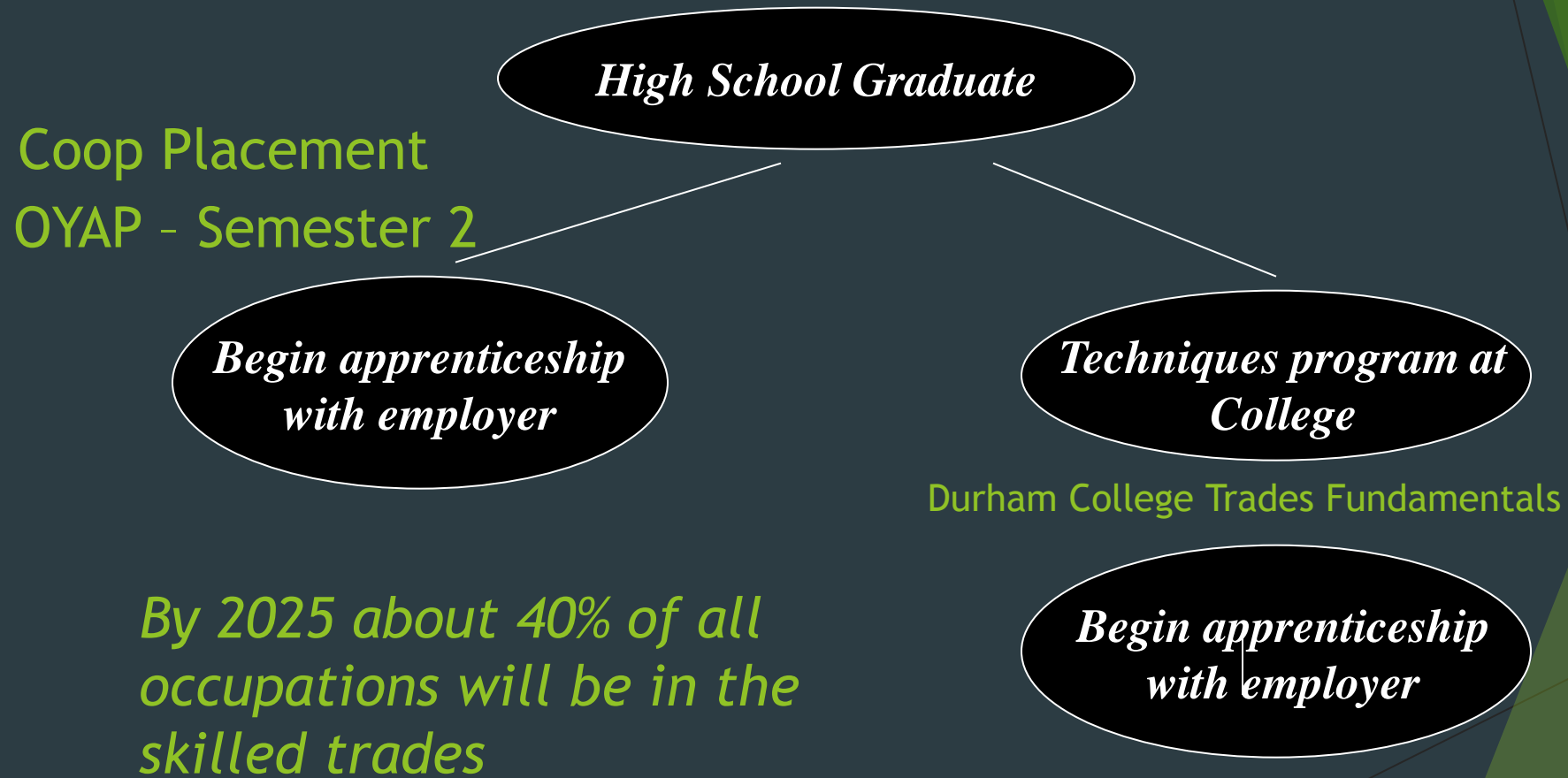


- ▶ [www.oyap.com/dcd](http://www.oyap.com/dcd)
- ▶ <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>
- ▶ [www.earnwhileyoulearn.ca](http://www.earnwhileyoulearn.ca)
- ▶ Ontario College of Trades
  - ▶ <http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/public/road-to-apprenticeship>
- ▶ [www.skillscanada.com](http://www.skillscanada.com)
- ▶ [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)
- ▶ [www.careercruising.com/dcd](http://www.careercruising.com/dcd)
- ▶ Examples of Trades
  - ▶ Hairstylist
  - ▶ Chef/Baker
  - ▶ Construction Trades (Electrician, Plumber...)
  - ▶ Auto Mechanic
  - ▶ Tool and Die Maker

apprentice **search**.com



# Steps to Apprenticeship



# Employment



- ▶ Provides employment programs, assessments and supportive vocational services that help residents of Ontario improve job readiness, explore training and get back to work.
- ▶ Ajax location - 289 Kingston Rd E #2, Ajax, ON L1Z 0K5
- ▶ [www.vpi-inc.com](http://www.vpi-inc.com)
- ▶ YOUTH JOB CONNECTION - YMCA
- ▶ Receive 60 hours paid pre-employment training
- ▶ Placed with an employer for a paid work experience
- ▶ Unemployed and not participating in full-time education
- ▶ [durhamjobs@ymcagta.org](mailto:durhamjobs@ymcagta.org)

A flyer for the Youth Job Connection program. At the top right is the FANSHAW Career & Employment Services logo. Below it, the title 'Youth Job Connection' is in a red-bordered box. A group photo of diverse young people is in the center. Below the photo, it states 'A New Employment Ontario Initiative for Unemployed Youth Ages 15-29'. The flyer is divided into two columns: 'You will Receive:' and 'Who is Eligible?'.

You will Receive:	Who is Eligible?
<b>Paid in class training(60 hours)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Job Search Skills</li><li>• Life Skills</li><li>• Career Exploration &amp; Development</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth Between the ages of 15-29</li><li>• Unemployed</li><li>• Not in Full Time Education / Training</li><li>• Resident of Ontario</li></ul>

# Talking About Mental Health

[www.cmha.ca/youreducation](http://www.cmha.ca/youreducation)



- ▶ Don't forget your physical and mental health when preparing for your post-secondary years. Help is available and all schools are happy to accommodate any needs you may have.
- ▶ The Canadian Mental Health Association has a special resource that help you prepare for post-secondary education. The web site is listed above.
- ▶ Talk to your Guidance Counsellor about what can be done to assist you if are affected by anxiety, depression or any other mental health issue. Don't be silent!

## What's Next?

- ▶ Research your options; programs, schools, cost
- ▶ Ensure you have the necessary pre-requisites (in the right grade 12 courses) to apply to those programs
- ▶ Attend Fairs, especially the DO'C fair on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm
- ▶ Application Workshop - Career Centre in November
- ▶ **GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED!!!!**