

# Applying to College



## College Application Process - Step 1 is Research

Applying to College is an exciting step in achieving your future goals. It is also a process that requires you to spend some time thinking and planning so that you make good decisions about the program and the school you choose to go to. Think about applying to College as a research project, be thorough, ask questions, keep notes, visit campuses and have fun!

➤ **First step:** to begin your **research** visit the online research and application tool at: **ontariocolleges.ca**

- Research and apply to any of Ontario's 26 public colleges
- Review and update your college application
- Request Ontario high school transcripts (from participating schools)
- View and accept offers of admission

➤ **Important Info Before You Apply**

- The application processing fee is \$95.00 for up to 5 programs
- An application allows you up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college)
- 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 and DO NOT create more than one account

➤ **How to Apply:** the next step is to create an account with **ontariocolleges.ca** and begin your college application.

**If you have never applied through ontariocolleges.ca before, click the "Create an Account" button to get started.** Your ontariocolleges.ca account allows you to:

- Log in to your account
- Fill in your personal information and educational history (need student OEN number)
- Add your program choices
- Request your transcripts (If you're a current Ontario high school student, most high schools automatically send your grades)
- Pay the application processing fee and any transcript fees (online, by phone or mail)
- Log back in to verify transcript information, or to make changes to your application. Log back in after February 1st 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 on or before this date.
- February 1: Colleges may begin sending offers of admission.
- May 1: Deadline to confirm offers (colleges may extend offers after this date).
- Mid-June: Tuition deposit payment due.
- See the Important Dates tab on the website for more information.

**\*\*\* On Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> - CCI students will have an opportunity to attend the College Information Program at Georgian College in Owen Sound where they can speak with representatives from every Ontario College to ask questions about programs, applying, residence and financial aid. They will also get a tour of the campus and participate in a sample college lecture. This is a wonderful chance for students to get valuable information and to experience what college will be like. Permission forms can be picked up and returned in Guidance \*\*\***