

# Pursuing an Apprenticeship/ Skilled Trade



# Benefits to Pursuing Skilled Trades

- 1) The demand for skilled trades is high
- 2) Students can choose from many trade careers
- 3) You can “earn while you learn” during an apprenticeship
- 4) There are many opportunities to learn valuable skills and to advance in the skilled trades
- 5) The traditional trades are evolving into technologically advanced jobs and careers

# Pathways to Apprenticeships

## Students Should Start in High School COOP (Cooperative Education)

- All students are eligible for COOP
- Students will complete an application and usually an interview process for specific placements in the community

## Benefits of COOP

- Credits- 2 or 4 credits- right now all day long because of school day
- Explore career paths
- Build skills and work habits
- Develop skills and knowledge related to career planning (goal setting, decision making)

# Once in Coop, Students Can Start their Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

- In High School there is a RTA - Registered Trade Agreement - agreement for hours and skills will be applied towards certificate of Apprenticeship to finish after.

<https://oyap.ca/>

<https://oyap.com/>

## **To Qualify for OYAP**

- need 14 credits (usually have by the end of gr. 10)
- be at least 15 years old

## **Benefits of OYAP with RTA**

- Students can graduate from high school with
  - A training agreement with an employer
  - A portion of the required hours of job training and competencies achieved

# Post Secondary Steps- After Graduating High School

a) find employer who is willing to sponsor as an apprentice

More info can be found on government webpage “Start An Apprenticeship”

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship>

b) Contact Employment Ontario Apprenticeship Office to register

➤ Alternatively, Students can start pre-training programs through college. Ex. Pre-electrical programs which make it more inviting for a potential employer to want to offer an apprenticeship -- Check out the “Applying to College” video.

# Link to Skilled Trades in Ontario:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/skilled-trades>