# What is Cooperative Education (Co-op)?

Cooperative education (Co-op) courses can be 1 to 4 credits in duration and are linked to related curriculum courses in any subject. Participating students have the opportunity to "test drive" potential career choices and gain valuable work experience. Each student has a personalized placement learning plan (PPLP) which provides an individualized framework for this learning opportunity. While students spend most of their time at the work placement, they do complete an in-school pre-placement session and participate in integration days throughout the semester. Up to 2 Co-op credits can be counted towards compulsory graduation requirements.

## What is Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a post-secondary education pathway. An employer uses training standards provided by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) to ensure that an apprentice becomes competent. On-the-job training comprises about 90% of the apprenticeship. All apprentices attend in-school sessions, usually offered by Colleges of applied arts and technology and/or other approved delivery agents (e.g. unions). Once both the in-school and on-the-job educational components have been satisfied, apprentices must pass examinations in order to receive a Certificate of Qualification. The following time line represents a typical apprenticeship.



## What is OYAP?

An Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) student is a student who is earning cooperative education credits for work experience in an apprenticeship occupation. The student may or may not be formally registered as an apprentice while attending secondary school. Refer to the Apprenticeship in Ontario chart for the complete list of apprenticeship programs.

## Who can participate in OYAP?

All students participating in OYAP must:

- be at least 16 years old;
- have completed 16 credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) prior to starting the program;
- be enrolled as a full-time student during the program;
- be working towards the completion of all OSSD requirements.

## How do you apply for OYAP?

Students must follow their school's Cooperative Education application process for OYAP. All other requirements for the Co-op program must be met (i.e. you must have earned or be earning a credit in a related secondary school course). Interested students should meet with their Guidance Counsellor or your Co-op teacher.

For more information on the *Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program*, contact your school's Guidance or Cooperative Education Department. You can also visit www.oyap.com

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## APPRENTICESHIP IN ONTARIO

- Legend:
- Compulsory Trade
   Voluntary Trade
   Unrestricted Trade
- Restricted Trade
  Red Seal Program

#### TQAA: Trades Qualification and Apprenticeship Act

- » Regulates Construction sector only (some exceptions).
- Must be a minimum of 16 years old.
   Minimum of Grade 10 required (Grade 8 for Brick & Stone Mason, Cement Mason and Drywall Finisher & Plasterer).
- » Training is 90% on-the-job and 10% in-school.
   » The TQAA makes certain trades compulsory, meaning that only an apprentice or a certified

journeyperson may practice that

trade. While students are earning cooperative education credits as part of OYAP they are exempt from this rule. However, if students are working outside the hours specified in their Work Education Agreements, they must be registered apprentices. > Voluntary trades may be practised without registering as an apprentice.

## **Construction Sector**

- Architectural glass and metal technician
- 🐡 Brick and stone mason 🗇
- 🎨 Cement (concrete) finisher
- 🎨 Cement mason
- Concrete pump operator (ACA trade)
- 🌮 Construction boilermaker 💠
- 🤴 Construction craft worker (ACA trade) 🗘
- 🖑 Construction millwright
- ${}^{\circledast}$  Drywall, acoustic & lathing applicator  ${}^{\diamondsuit}$
- 🖏 Drywall finisher & plasterer
- Selectrician
   » Construction & maintenance ♀
   » Domestic & rural
- Exterior insulated finishing systems mechanic (ACA trade)
- 🕏 Floor covering installer 💠
- 🦻 General carpenter 🗘
- Hazardous materials worker (ACA trade)
- \* Heat & frost insulator
- Heavy equipment operator:
- » Dozer
- » Excavator
- » Tractor loader backhoe (ACA trades) > Hoisting engineer:
- » Mobile crane operator, Br. 1 
   » Mobile crane operator, Br. 2
   » Tower crane operator

Note: the trades listed on this chart are currently either ACA or TQAA programs. Additional apprenticeships referred to as modular apprenticeships are also available. For further information and apprentice registration, contact your local Apprenticeship Office. This chart is current as of July 2010.

#### ACA: Apprenticeship Certification Act

- » Regulates, Industrial, Motive Power & Services sectors.
- » Must be a minimum of 16 years old.
   » Minimum of grade 12 required (Grade 10 for Assistant Cook Br. 1, Auto body Repairer Br.2 and Construction Craft Worker)
- » Training is 90% on-the-job and 10% in-school.
- » Restricted trades have restricted skill sets, which may be practised only by certified journeypersons or registered

apprentices. While students are earning cooperative education credits as part of OYAP they are exempt from this rule. However, if students are working outside the hours specified in their Work Education Agreements, they must be registered apprentices. » Unrestricted trades and skill sets may be practised without registering as an apprentice.

## **Motive Power Sector**

- 🗁 Agricultural equipment technician 🗇
- Alignment & brakes technician
- Auto body & collision damage repairer – Br. 1 <sup>⊕</sup>
- □ Auto body repairer Br. 2
- □ Automotive electronic accessory
- technician
- C Automotive glass technician
- 🗁 Automotive painter 💠
- $\mathchoice{\textcircled{}{\frown}}{\frown}$  Automotive service technician  $\diamondsuit$
- 🗁 Heavy-duty equipment technician 💠
- C Marine engine technician
- C Motive power machinist



#### 🗁 Motorcycle technician 🗘

Ironworker

» Generalist 🗘

worker (ACA trade)

🤔 Powerline Technician 🔅

\* Precast concrete erector

\* Precast concrete finisher

systems mechanic 🗘

🦻 Reinforcing rod worker 🗘

Restoration mason

🔉 Sheet metal worker 🗘

restricted skill set)

Painter & decorator:

» Industrial

> Plumber 🔿

mechanic

👘 Boofer 🗘

🔉 Steam fitter 🗘

» Structural & ornamental 🗘

Native residential construction

» Commercial & residential 🐡

🔉 Refrigeration & air conditioning 🗇

> Residential air conditioning systems

🐐 Sprinkler & fire protection installer 🔅

🤔 Terrazzo, tile & marble setter 🔅

> Water meter installer (ACA trade -

- Parts technician 
   Powered lift truck technician
  - 🗁 Recreational vehicle technician 🗘
  - C Small engine technician
  - 🗁 Tire, wheel & rim mechanic
- 🗁 Transmission technician
- 🗁 Truck & coach technician 🗘
- 🗁 Truck trailer service technician 💠
- Turf equipment technician



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#### **Industrial Sector**

C Aircraft maintenance engineer

C Mould designer (C of Q reg'd)

C Optics technician (lens & prism

Packaging machine mechanic

Pressure systems welder (C of Q

» Refinery chemical & liquid

C Relay & instrumentation technician

» Food manufacturing

Pump systems installer

C Railway car technician

C Surface mount assembler

C Roll grinder / turner

C Thin film technician

C Tool & cutter grinder

🗁 Tool & die maker 🗘

C Tool/tooling maker

Mater well driller

Provide Horse harness maker

🗁 Horticultural technician 💠

□ Information technology:

» Hardware technician

» Network technician

» Inside sales agent

» Customer care agent

C Network cabling specialist

Dol, hot tub & spa installer

C Special events coordinator

C Wooden boat rebuilder/repairer

» Technical support agent

C Microelectronics manufacturer

D Native clothing & crafts artisan

Pool, hot tub & spa service technician

T contact center:

C Retail meat cutter

C Utility arborist

C Saddlerv

C Welder 🗘

Tool & gauge inspector

C Tractor trailer commercial driver

C Saw filer/fitter

C Ski lift mechanic

C Surface blaster

C Precision metal fabricator

C Mould or die finisher

C Mould maker

D Pattern maker

Process operator

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» Power

- 🗁 Bearings mechanic
- C Blacksmith

#### 🗁 Cabinetmaker 💠

- $\ensuremath{\unrhd}$  CNC programmer (C of Q req'd)
- $\ensuremath{\unrhd}$  Composite structures technician
- $\fbox$  Die designer (C of Q req'd)
- Draftsperson: » Mechanical
- » Plastic mould design
- » Tool & die design

#### 🗁 Electric motor systems technician 💠

- C Electrical control (machine) builder
- C Electrician signal maintenance (TTC)
- C Entertainment industry power
- technician
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  Elevating devices mechanic
- 🗁 Facilities mechanic
- 🗁 Facilities technician
- C Fitter assembler (motor assembly)
- 🗁 Fitter welder
- 🗁 General machinist 🗘
- D Hydraulic / pneumatic mechanic
- 🗁 Industrial electrician 🗘
- 🗁 Industrial mechanic millwright 🗘
- C Instrumentation and control
- technician ♀ ┌─ Light rail overhead contact systems
- linesperson (TTC)
- C Locksmith
- Machine tool builder & integrator
- 🗁 Metal fabricator (fitter) 🜣

## **Service Sector**

- Aboriginal early childhood educator
   Agricultural Dairy herdsperson
   Agricultural Fruit grower
   Agricultural Swine herdsperson
   Appliance service technician \$\$
   Arborist
   Baker
   Baker pâtissier \$\$
   Chef
   Chef
- Cook assistant Br. 1
- Cook Br. 2 🗘
- Developmental services worker

C Early childhood educator