

YOUR NEW CO-OP ADVANTAGE

What's new?

You can now count up to two cooperative education credits towards the 18 compulsory credits needed for a high school diploma.

- If you are taking a co-op program this school year (2005–06), you can now count up to two credits you earn in the program as compulsory credits for your diploma.
- See your guidance counsellor, co-op teacher, or student success teacher right away to talk about these new opportunities.

Why take co-op?

TEST-DRIVE A CAREER: Do the job and get a chance to see if your career choice is really what you want

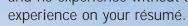
before choosing your postsecondary destination.

BUILD YOUR SKILLS: Work one-on-one with a co-worker in a program designed

to meet your interests, needs, and strengths.

GET HANDS-ON WORK EXPERIENCE: Overcome the problem of "no job without experience

and no experience without a job". Put real work

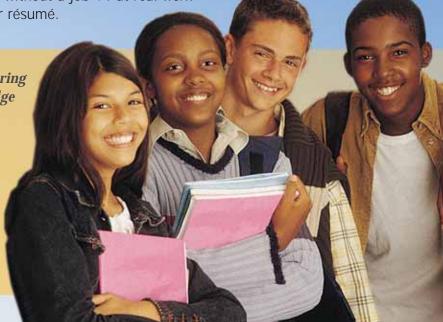


"I felt I was treated like a colleague, not a student, during my co-op at the city's fire department. The knowledge I gained was unlike anything I have learned from a textbook."

BRYAN P

"My healthcare support services co-op placement gave me multiple opportunities to experience the hospital atmosphere first-hand. It also allowed me to make important career decisions that will impact the rest of my life."

MIRANDA S.



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What do you need to graduate?

18 compulsory credits

	the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:
4	credits in English
3	credits in mathematics
2	credits in science
1_	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1_	credit in the arts
1_	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

credit in career studies

credit in civics

New

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additional credit in English, or a third language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education.

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additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or cooperative education*

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additional credit in science, or technological education, or cooperative education.

In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

12 optional credits

40 hours of community involvement activities

the provincial literacy requirement

^{*} A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.