

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 experience on your résumé.

“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.



Need More Information?

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Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD/TTY): 1-800-263-2892

What do you need to graduate?

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain 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
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

New

- 1 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*

New

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

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- 1 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.