

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)



The **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program** allows Ontario secondary school students to fast track into a skilled trade of their choice. **There are <u>two types</u> of OYAP opportunities available to students:**

The **first option** is a unique combination of **in-school trades training** and a high school **Cooperative Education Program**. Students are registered as apprentices and attend a Trades School one to three days a week to earn their Level 1 trade qualification. Students spend the remainder of the week at work placements earning two to three high school credits while accumulating hours toward their apprenticeship requirements. This full-day program takes place during the second semester of their grade 12 year.

- Positions in this program are only available to students in Grade 12 who are eligible to graduate.
- Students who return for a fifth year will only be allowed to participate with special permission.
- Student involvement hours must be completed and documented when the program commences.
- Candidates demonstrating success in the recommended Math, Science, English, and Technological Studies will be interviewed by a panel from both education and industry to gain entrance into the program.
- Successful candidates will require registration in a two or three credit Cooperative Education
 Program. A related Cooperative Education placement during Grade 11 is highly
 recommended. Where possible, enrollment in a related Specialist High Skills Major
 program is also an asset.
- A transportation allowance is available to subsidize the cost of attending the Training Delivery Agent.
- The cost of training is absorbed by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.

Note: In some cases, OYAP Level 1 program students will receive Dual Credits along with their Co-op credits. For further information about Dual Credits, speak to a Guidance Counsellor at your school.

Tentative Accelerated Programs for February 2024

Program Training Delivery Agent	Auto Service Tech	Welding	Hairstylist	Plumbing	General Carpenter	Industrial Mechanic Millwright	Cook	Electrician
Fleming College					Х			Х
Durham College	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х
Durham D.S.B.			Х					

A second form of OYAP participation is available to any Cooperative Education student, with a placement in a skilled trade, who is at least 15 years of age and has 14 credits. These OYAP students do not complete their trade's Basic Level 1 certification. Instead, Student Learning Plans are developed for them based on training standards for their trade.

- Students can be registered as apprentices and apply any competencies achieved through their Co-op placement toward their apprenticeship.
- An OYAP student in this program can participate in any of 144 recognized trades and potentially earn between two and four secondary credits.

For more information, contact your Guidance or Co-op Dep't or visit oyapkprdsb.ca.