



Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy

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Credit and Equivalency Guide

Introduction

Adult students in Ontario, who want to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalency, have many pathways to consider. The following chart provides an overview of several options. Students should explore the options that interest them very carefully to ensure that the pathways they select will assist them to achieve their long-term goals. Students should always confirm that the option they choose will be recognized at the next step on their goal pathway. Colleges provide academic referral services and adult high schools have guidance counselors who are available to help students with information and advice.

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Option	Description	Eligibility	Recognition
<p>Academic and Career Entrance (ACE)</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>Algonquin College 613-727-4723 ext. 5722</p> <p>ACElinks 613-789-7418 ext. 230 http://www.ottawa.johnhoward.ca/program/employment/#ace</p>	<p>Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) offers upgrading for adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enter a college postsecondary program • enter an apprenticeship program • qualify for employment <p>ACE is an adult upgrading program approved for delivery exclusively by the 24 community colleges in Ontario.</p> <p>Courses are offered through several delivery options: day, evening, weekend, flexible delivery and online; and in supportive environments in the community.</p>	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 years of age or older 	<p>An ACE certificate is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community colleges • apprenticeship • employers

Options Funded by the Ministry of Education

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<p>Adult High School</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>Ottawa-Carleton District School Board http://adulths.4poyntzdezi.gn.com/ 613 239-2707</p> <p>Ottawa Catholic School Board http://www.adulths.ottawa.catholicschools.ca/ 613-228-8888</p>	<p>Offers credit courses to adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) • gain promotion in a current job • earn prerequisites for post-secondary education or training, including apprenticeship • improve grades for post-secondary education or training, including apprenticeship • gain job-related skills • achieve personal satisfaction <p>Students register for at least 1 course and up to 4 courses, depending on the school.</p> <p>A student's program may include a combination of day school, ESL credits, credits for prior learning or mature student equivalency, co-op education, online, etc.</p>	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years of age or older • out of regular high school • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • able to attend classes in the morning 	<p>An OSSD is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship • employers • community colleges • university programs
<p>Night School</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>Ottawa-Carleton District School Board www.ocdsb.ca/continweb 613-239-2620</p>	<p>Offers credit courses to adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) • earn prerequisites for post-secondary education or training • improve grades for post-secondary education or training 	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • able to attend school in the evenings 	<p>An OSSD is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship • employers • community colleges • university programs
<p>Co-operative Education</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>Ottawa-Carleton District School Board 613-239-2707 or 613-239-2620</p> <p>Ottawa Catholic School Board 613-228-8888</p>	<p>Offers hands-on learning with school studies to adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) • prepare for post-secondary education or training • gain job-related skills • investigate career choices <p>Students can earn a</p>	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years of age or older • out of school for at least one year • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • working part-time or 	<p>An OSSD is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship • employers • community colleges • university programs

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	<p>maximum of 12 paid or unpaid co-op credits.</p>	<p>full time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolled in an adult high school 	
<p>Prior Learning Assessment (PLAR)</p> <p>Mature Student Evaluation (MSE)</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>Ottawa-Carleton District School Board 613-239-2620</p> <p>Ottawa Catholic School Board 613-228-8888</p>	<p>Offers evaluation and credit-granting processes for adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) • prepare for post-secondary education or training <p>PLAR is for adults who received their education outside of Ontario or entered an Ontario secondary school in September 1999 or later.</p> <p>MSE is for adults who attended a secondary school in Ontario before 1999.</p> <p>PLAR/MSE help adults demonstrate and obtain recognition for learning that they acquired outside formal education settings.</p> <p>Students must always earn their last four credits.</p>	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years of age or older • out of school for at least one year or two school semesters. • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • enrolled in a secondary school credit program to obtain an OSSD 	<p>An OSSD is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship • employers • community colleges • university programs
<p>Independent Learning Centre (ILC)</p> <p>For more information contact:</p> <p>1-800-387-5512 http://www.ilc.org/index-main.php</p> <p>How to Enrol http://www.ilc.org/school/enrol_hs_18plus.php</p>	<p>Offers credit courses by correspondence to adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) • prepare for post-secondary education <p>Students receive feedback and marks from Ontario-certified teachers.</p> <p>There is a cost for taking each course.</p> <p>ILC also offers credit and non-credit courses in English as a Second Language (ESL)</p>	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years of age or older • out of school for at least one year • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • able to work independently 	<p>An OSSD is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship • employers • community colleges • university programs
<p>E-Channel Learning</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>Ottawa Catholic School Board 613-228-8888</p>	<p>Offers credit courses online to adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) 	<p>A student must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years of age or older • out of regular high school 	<p>An OSSD is recognized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship • employers

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<p>http://www.adulths.ottawacatholicschools.ca/content.php?doc=80&xwm=true</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • earn prerequisites for post-secondary education or training • improve grades for post-secondary education or training <p>Certified Ontario teachers deliver the courses online.</p> <p>Many courses are available.</p> <p>Students have a choice between scheduled or continuous intake classes. Scheduled courses must be complete within 4 months.</p> <p>Students take mid-term and final exams at a school board location. With prior arrangements, exams can be written at other locations.</p> <p>Support from a teacher is available by email, phone, or in person.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a resident of Ontario • a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • able to work independently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community colleges • university programs
<p>GED</p> <p>1-800-573-7022 http://www.ilc.org/ged/index.php</p> <p>For more information in Ottawa contact:</p> <p>GED Preparation Algonquin College 613-727-0002</p> <p>http://xweb.algonquincollage.com/ (Click on Career and College Preparation</p>	<p>General Educational Development (GED) Testing is for adults who want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain a high school equivalency certificate • qualify for employment • gain promotion at an existing job • apply for admission to an educational or training institution • enter an apprenticeship program • achieve personal satisfaction <p>GED Testing is for adults who left high school without a diploma.</p> <p>The GED Tests provide adults the opportunity to demonstrate high-school level knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Adults who take and pass the GED earn an Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate.</p> <p>Students may need to prepare for the GED Tests by attending classes or studying GED Preparation books. In Ontario several school boards and colleges offer preparation</p>	<p>To take the GED Test in Ontario, a student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be 18 years of age or older • be out of school for at least one year • be a resident of Ontario • be a Canadian citizen, a landed immigrant, or a refugee • not have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma 	<p>A GED certificate is widely accepted as meeting secondary school graduation requirements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment • promotion • licensing • further education <p>Many colleges and universities accept satisfactory GED scores as one factor in their assessment for admission as a mature student.</p> <p>Please note: the Ministry of Education cannot guarantee that the GED certificate will be accepted by all employers or post-secondary institutions or trainers.</p>

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	<p>courses.</p> <p>The tests are available in English and French. Special editions and testing accommodations are available to help adults with special needs and physical and/or learning disabilities.</p> <p>There is a fee to write the test.</p>		