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COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Cooperative Education allows students to "try on" a potential career choice by going to work for part of the school day. Typical Co-op programs have students working two periods a day. Each student has a personalized placement learning plan which provides the 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.

APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeship is a post-secondary education opportunity. An employer uses training standards provided by the MTCU to ensure that an apprentice becomes competent. **On-the-job training comprises about 90% of the apprenticeship learning.**

All apprentices attend in-school sessions, usually offered at Community Colleges. Once both the in-school and on-the-job educational components have been satisfied, apprentices must successfully write examinations in order to receive a Certificate of Qualification.



APPLYING FOR OYAP

Preliminary Registration Forms for OYAP are available online at www.toolsthatwork.ca through your **Guidance Department** or by contacting a **Co-op Coordinator**:

Kenora (807) 468-6401

Dryden (807) 223-2316

Red Lake (807) 727-2092

Sioux Lookout (807) 737-3500

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WHAT IS OYAP

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a **Cooperative Education** program that enables students to learn a skilled trade while completing the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D.).

This is accomplished through **Apprenticeship** which is a partnership involving a student who wants to learn a skilled trade, an employer who provides the training, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) - Training Division and your local School Board.

OYAP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must:

- ✿ be 16 years of age minimum;
- ✿ have completed a minimum of 16 credits;
- ✿ obtain all the compulsory credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma;
- ✿ demonstrate a high level of interest or aptitude for skills training;
- ✿ agree to follow related courses designed especially for the OYAP student in grades 11 and 12;
- ✿ earn Co-operative Education credits through OYAP work experience.

OYAP WILL BENEFIT THE STUDENT

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program allows students to attend high school and to train as registered apprentices at the same time. They can complete the credits needed for an O.S.S.D. and gain apprenticeship training leading to a Certificate of Apprenticeship and journeyman status. This program allows secondary school students to get a head start on earning hours towards their apprenticeship.

Prior to beginning an apprenticeship, students will ideally participate in Co-operative Education. The purpose of the Co-operative Education component is to provide both the student and the employer with the opportunity to determine if apprenticeship is a suitable option. If the student and employer are both in agreement, the Apprenticeship Branch of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is contacted to sign the contract of apprenticeship. Students would begin to receive wages at this point.

The aims and objectives of OYAP are to provide an opportunity for students to:

- ✿ **start an apprenticeship in a skilled trade while going to high school;**
- ✿ **match apprenticeship candidates with employers;**
- ✿ **allow an early start toward a well paid and satisfying career.**

OYAP WILL BENEFIT THE EMPLOYER

OYAP provides employers with a workforce of young people who have skills and work experience. It helps to identify and locally train future skilled trades people while enabling employers to:

- ✿ train potential employees to their company standards;
- ✿ observe and assess the capabilities of a potential apprentice before making a long-term commitment;
- ✿ qualify for a wage subsidy program;
- ✿ assist in increasing the positive perception of the trades.



KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN

Students earn credits towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma while hours worked on the job are applied to journeyman certification. **Those who find they are not suited to the trades can return to a regular school program after one semester with no penalty.**