

APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS



PREPARATION

Age 15? Earn co-op education credits through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Take secondary school courses that match your career goals.

COLLEGE ROUTE

Education: Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent.

Find, apply to, and complete your college program, learning foundational knowledge and skills along the way.

Find an employer willing to sign you on as an apprentice (colleges may be able to help with these connections).

TRADITIONAL ROUTE

Education: Have the required minimum for your trade.

You're responsible for finding a 'sponsor' (i.e., employer) who is willing to hire you.

Age 16-17? Download, fill out, and mail the paper application to your local Employment Ontario Apprenticeship Office.

Age 18 or older? Apply for an apprenticeship using the Skilled Trades Ontario Portal.

Once your application is approved, sign a training agreement between you, your sponsor, and the Ontario Government.

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During your apprenticeship, you'll need to attend and complete many hours of classroom learning away from your sponsor/ employer. The total time varies from trade to trade.

In most cases, the college route requires no extra classroom time because you've already completed it. This makes you an enticing prospect as an apprentice because you'll spend most of your time on the job with your sponsor/employer.



COLLEGE Trades

Start your skilled trades career with an Ontario college program at trades.ontariocolleges.ca