

# Post Secondary Pathways

Beginning the College and  
University Application Process

# Congratulations!

## Potential Graduates

- Considered eligible to graduate and apply to university and/or college

# OSSD Graduation Requirements

- 30 credits
- 18 compulsory
- 12 elective
- Literacy test
- 40 Community Involvement Hours

# Official Transcript

- List of all graduation requirements that a student has completed
- Presented to students upon graduation

# Full Disclosure Policy

- Marks for all grade 11 and 12 courses in which you are enrolled beyond a “set cut off date” will be recorded on your official transcript
- For grades 9 and 10, only courses that have successfully been completed are recorded on your official transcript

# Full Disclosure Date

- The cut off date after which grade 11 or 12 course marks will appear on the official transcript
- Courses dropped before this date are not recorded on the transcript
- The mark a student has at the time of withdrawal from a course after this date will be recorded on the transcript

# Semester One 2009-2010

## Full Disclosure Date:

5 days after the mid term report card is distributed

- November 19, 2009

# About Private School Courses

- In order to have a course that you completed at private school included on your high school transcript, you must provide the Guidance Department with an official, sealed transcript or official sealed report card from the private school

# About Private School Courses...

- Private schools that are authorized to grant credits have Ministry of Education Numbers called “**MIDENT**” numbers
- **BE SURE THE PRIVATE SCHOOL WHERE YOU TAKE COURSES HAS A MIDENT NUMBER!**

# About University...

- The purpose of a university education
- Types of undergraduate degrees:
  - B.A. Bachelor of Arts
  - B.Sc. Bachelor of Science
  - B. FA. Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Professional Degrees – examples
    - Bachelor of Commerce (Business)
    - Bachelor of Science in Engineering
    - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

# About University ...

- Length of degrees (Honours/General)
- # of courses taken per year- 5
- Program admission requirements differ
- Lack of uniformity between universities demands that offerings of each be examined individually
- **Researching options is critical!**

# General University Admission Requirements

- OSSD
- Minimum cut off average in 6 grade 12 university (U) or university/college (M) courses including English and program specific requirements
- Language Proficiency requirement for students whose 1<sup>st</sup> language is not English

# About College...

- The purpose of a college education
- Types of Programs Available:
  - Vocational Programs
  - Certificate Programs
  - Apprenticeship Programs
  - Diploma/ Advanced Diploma Programs
  - Applied Bachelor Degrees
  - Joint College-University Programs
  - Graduate Certificate Programs

# General College Admission Requirements

- Varies according to program
- Diploma Programs demand an OSSD with a minimum of grade 12 college level English and specific requirements listed in the college calendars and websites
- Bachelor's Degree Programs and Joint College-University Programs adhere to the university admission requirements
- Language Proficiency requirement for students whose 1<sup>st</sup> language is not English

# College to University?

- Many partnerships exist between colleges and universities often involving granting of advanced standing in university programs after completion of partnered college programs
- Institution specific agreements

# Resources

- College and University Representative Visits
- Fairs
- SLSS Pathways Information Evening in conjunction with Westmount and Alexander Mackenzie High School
- College and University Calendars
- On-line Resources

# On-line Resources...

- College:

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

- University:

[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)

# On-line Resources...

- Transfer agreement information:

Ontario College University Transfer Guide  
(OCUTG)

[www.ocutg.on.ca](http://www.ocutg.on.ca)

# Financing your Education

- Scholarship Information Sessions:

**Friday October 9, 2009**

Sign up in the Guidance Office.

# On-Line Application Process

- University:

OUAC

Ontario Universities' Application Centre

- Purpose of OUAC

# University On-line Application Process...

- Process
  - Guidance transmits Student Data to OUAC
  - OUAC sends Pin #'s for all **Potential Grads** to Guidance Department
  - Pin #'s distributed to potential grads
  - Potential grads complete on-line application
- Application Deadline: **January 13, 2009**

# University Application Process...

- **Fees:**

Initial 3 choices	\$115.00
Each additional choice	\$ 38.00

**All Fees are Non-Refundable!**  
**Research your options!**  
**Apply for appropriate programs.**

# Sending marks to Universities

- Guidance sends the following marks to OUAC:
  - Semester 1 Final Marks
  - Semester 2 Mid-term Marks
  - Semester 2 Final Marks

# About Private School Marks

- If you are taking a private school course, the private school is responsible for ensuring that your mid-term and final marks are sent to OUAC to be considered for your application to University
- **Be sure that your private school knows this!**

# On-Line Application Process

- College:

Ontario College Application Service  
**OCAS**

- Purpose of **OCAS**

# College On-Line Application Process...

- Process:

- Guidance transmits Student Data to OCAS
- Potential Grads may begin to complete the On-Line Application
- **Equal Consideration Deadline:**

**February 1, 2010**

# College On-line Application process...

- **Fees:**
- **Up to 5 program choices for \$95.00**
- **No more than 3 program choices from any 1 college**
- Applications not processed until fee is paid  
(Date fee is received by OCAS is considered the date of application)
- **Fees are non-refundable**
- **Be sure you are eligible for your selections!**

# Reporting Marks to OCAS

- Marks are reported to OCAS in the same time frame as they are reported to OUAC
- The same policies adhere to courses taken at Private Schools

# University and College application process...

- We will be holding Information Sessions to help you complete the on-line applications.
- Be on the lookout for more details.

# Keeping Potential Grads Informed

- **Grad E-Group:**

We will be e-mailing university and college information to all students who join the Grad E-Group.

- **To join the Grad E-Group, come to the Guidance Department and enter your email address on the E-Group lap top computer.**

# Keeping Potential Grads Informed...

- **Grad Web site:**

A Grad Web site is being established to keep you advised of the most current information.

- **Grad Bulletin Board:**

Check the information posted on the Grad Bulletin Board outside of Guidance

# Final Word

- The Guidance Department will help prepare you for the University and College Application Process, but ...

**IT IS UP TO YOU**

to do the research so that you can gain acceptance to the program(s) of your choice!