

Sound interesting or want more information?

Talk to your guidance counsellor or
co-op teacher. They can refer you
to the UCDSB OYAP coordinators.



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www.OYAP.com

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seal.ca/eng/financial/s.5pp.4rt.shtml](http://www.red-seal.ca/eng/financial/s.5pp.4rt.shtml)

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WHAT IS THE ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM?

- For students with 14 credits between the ages of 15 and 20
- Two ways to participate in OYAP during co-operative education
 - **Participant:** try the trade
 - **Registered apprentice:** start earning hours, working on apprenticeship competencies, eligible for accelerated level 1 training
- Access to training such as Working at Heights and safety equipment if required
- Transition support upon graduating high school



The apprenticeship journey

An apprenticeship involves mostly on the job training under the supervision of your sponsoring journeyman (a certified tradesperson). You work for about a year gaining experience and working through your training standard (book of skills to learn). At some point, you will receive an invitation to attend an eight week level of training from the Ministry. There are usually three 8 week blocks of training and depending on the trade, an exam to earn your certificate of qualification and become a certified tradesperson.

Level 1 opportunities in the UCDSB

(opportunities vary yearly)



Opportunities at Algonquin College (Ottawa):

- General Carpenter
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Plumber
- Commercial Vehicle
- Automotive Service (AST)
- Cook
- Electrician
- Horticulture Technician
- Autobody

- Retail meat cutter (Cornwall)
- Hairstylist (Cornwall and Ottawa)
- Carpenter, welder, automotive service technician (Cornwall)
- Electrician, brick and stone mason, welder, automotive service technician (Kingston)
- Commercial vehicle technician (Kemptonville)

Why the skilled trades?

- The average annual salary for a skilled tradesperson is **25% higher** than the average Canadian wage (\$50,000 vs. \$40,000)
- The average apprenticeship lasts between 2-5 years with 80% of the training done on the job while being **PAID**
- **One in five** new jobs in the province is expected to be in the skilled trades
- High job satisfaction and work-life balance

How you can prepare yourself for a career in the skilled trades?

- Take co-op and register for OYAP
- Take technological education classes
- Take college-level courses in Math and English (Business and Physics are recommended)
- Consider dual credit opportunities at St. Lawrence College and Algonquin College (welding, carpentry, electrical, automotive, culinary)
- Enroll in a SHSM program to get valuable certifications and training (every school in the UCDSB has at least one SHSM program)
- Enroll in level 1 training (**left**) while in high school if eligible
- Work as a labourer after school/weekends to gain experience and make connections