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Key facts about Ontario's 24 colleges

Ontario's Colleges: An Overview

Building Ontario's Workforce
for the 21st Century



Ontario colleges play a vital role in developing a highly skilled and educated workforce.

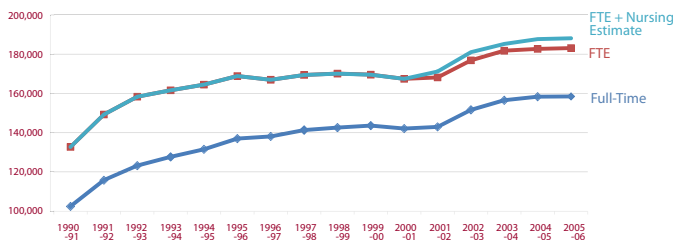
Ontario's 24 colleges of applied arts and technology extend a presence across the province, with more than 100 campuses delivering a wide range of career-focused education and training programs.

Colleges vary in size with enrolments ranging from 1,500 to 14,000 full-time students. They employ 15,000 full-time and 19,000 part-time faculty and staff in academic, support and administrative roles. Ontario colleges are recognized internationally with partnerships in more than 80 countries.

Enrolment

- Full-time enrolment: 150,000
- Part-time enrolment: 350,000
- Enrolment in literacy and basic skills training: 11,000
- International students: 6,700
- College enrolment has increased 44% from 1990 to 2005

College Enrolment - Full-Time and Total FTE College Enrolment 1990-91 to 2005-06.



Learning environment

Ontario colleges provide an adult learning environment with an emphasis on applied learning. Faculty have direct industry experience, ensuring students receive up-to-date, relevant information and training in their chosen career paths. Students are offered a range of support services, and all 24 colleges have student residences.

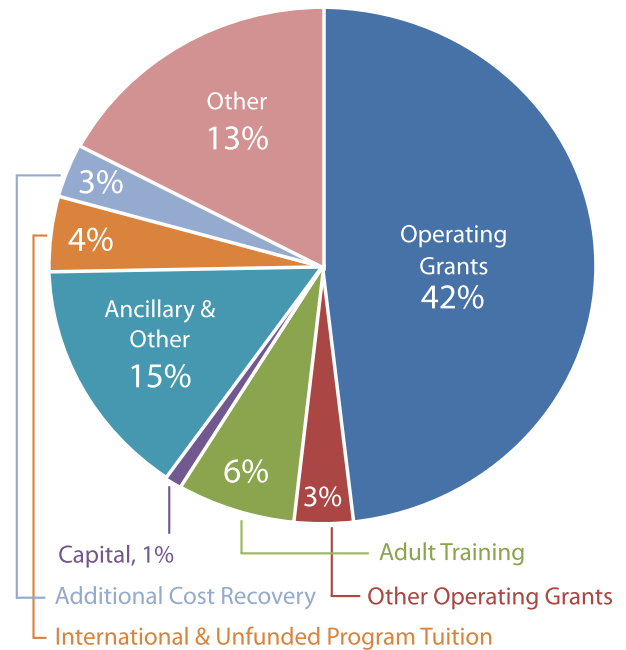
Tuition – average costs

- Diploma programs: \$1,900 per year
- Graduate Certificate programs: \$2,500
- Applied bachelor's degree: \$4,200
- Joint college-university programs: \$4,100

Funding Fact:

Ontario's colleges currently serve 51% more students than in 1989-90 but receive 29% less operating funding per student in constant dollars.

Ontario College Revenues, 2005-06



What we do

College programs are career and occupation focused, designed to help students pursue and achieve success in a wide range of fields.

- Ontario's colleges offer more than 600 different programs.
- Colleges operate in 200 communities in Ontario.
- College credentials include:
 - certificates (under two years in length);
 - two-year and advanced (three-year) diplomas including many co-op diplomas;
 - graduate certificates for those who have already completed a postsecondary diploma or degree;
 - bachelor's degrees in applied areas of study offered at 16 of the colleges / institutes of technology and advanced learning; and
 - joint college-university programs that allow students to earn both a college diploma and a university degree.
- Apprenticeships: Colleges offer 85% of the in-school training for apprenticeships.
- Literacy, ESL, upgrading, and foundation year programs. Students from adult upgrading programs who move on to postsecondary programming have an 83% success rate.
- Distance education and courses offered online are important delivery methods for many colleges.
- Customized programs and training are offered on a contract basis, provided to more than 1,000 major employers in Ontario each year.
- Applied research is now part of the strategic and operational plans for the vast majority of colleges.

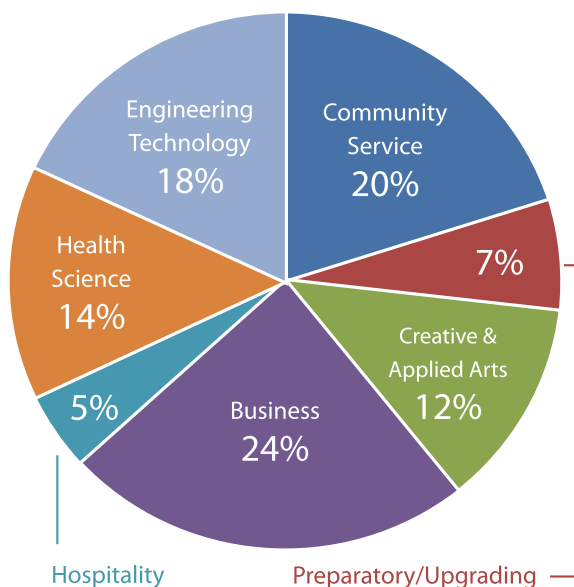
Employment Fact:

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Our students

- Average age of college applicants: 23
- In 2005-06, 44% of the student body was under 21 years of age, and 10% was over 30.
- 42% of college students come directly from secondary school.
- More than one-third of students had previous postsecondary experience before entering college; of these, 9 % had earned a college credential and 8% had a university degree.
- 53% of first year students are female; 47% are male.
- Colleges serve a diverse population of learners – 18% of college applicants were not born in Canada and a further 13% are first-generation Canadians.
- Immigrant applicants are more likely to have dependents, lower incomes and a university degree.
- 5% are francophone; 6% of applicants identified themselves as aboriginal.
- 11% of Ontario college students indicated use of "Special Needs/Disability Services," half of whom reported high usage.
- 26% of applicants in 2006 had a household income of less than \$29,999 (15% under \$20,000) and 54% had incomes below \$60,000. In contrast, the Ontario population (in 2001) had only 16% of households earning less than \$30,000.

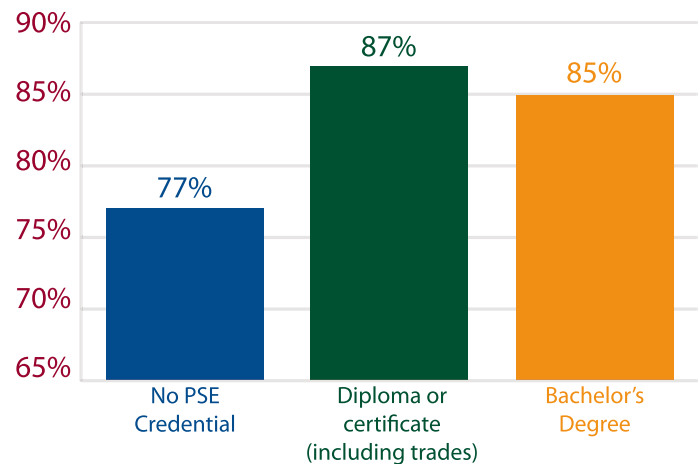
College Graduates by Employment Sector, 2004-05



College graduates are essential to Ontario's economy

- 33% of Ontario's workforce (2.1 million workers) has a college qualification – the largest component of the six-million strong labourforce.
- More than 44,000 college graduates join Ontario's workforce each year.
- Almost 90% of graduates find employment within six months of graduating.
- About three quarters of graduates are 25 years of age or under.
- 93% of employers said that they were satisfied with the quality of work of the graduates they hired.
- In 2006, more than 20% of graduates resumed full-time studies within six months of graduation, and another 4% part-time studies.
- Over the last five years, 87% of diploma and certificate holders were employed.

Employment rate of the population aged 25-44 with and without postsecondary certification



We are accountable

Ontario colleges are guided by excellent accountability and quality assurance systems. Accountability is built into the structure of the college system through exacting governance requirements, rigorous provincial standards, and regular performance measurement and reporting. There are more than 100 provincial standards which set the expected outcomes for college programs.

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Profile of Ontario Colleges

Ontario colleges are learner-centred

- We are accessible to learners across a broad range of age groups, backgrounds and needs.
- We provide learners with links to further education and skills training within and beyond the colleges.
- We are skilled at assessing prior experience, learning and language skills.
- We are experienced in developing effective bridging programs, and providing services from counselling through placement to support individual success.
- 96% of college graduates would recommend their college to others.

Ontario colleges deliver results

- We deliver a comprehensive range of programming from pre-literacy and employability skills to continuing, postsecondary and post-graduate education. On an annual basis we:
 - Graduate 60,000 students from one- to four-year postsecondary programs.
 - Serve 25,000 apprentices, train 11,000 in literacy and basic skills, and place 27,000 young people in jobs through Job Connect.
 - Operate 50 bridging and language training programs for internationally trained individuals.
 - Have 89% of graduates who enter the labour force finding jobs within six months of graduation.
- Employer satisfaction:
 - 92% of employers were satisfied or very satisfied with the graduates' overall college preparation.
 - 93% of employers were satisfied or very satisfied with the graduates' quality of work.
 - 91% of employers were satisfied or very satisfied with the graduates' productivity.

Ontario colleges are market driven

- We develop and deliver a broad range of programs in response to continually shifting labour market needs.
- The program curricula and learning experiences for students are based on extensive consultations with industry, through program advisory committees.
- We participate in local and regional labour market planning.
- Our success comes from working in partnership with industry, labour, community-based groups and public sector organizations.

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