



Ontario's colleges: Helping more people achieve career success

Established nearly 50 years ago, Ontario's colleges have become leaders in cutting-edge post-secondary education for the new economy.

Today's colleges offer more than 600 programs in everything from business, IT, paramedicine, aviation, tourism and hospitality, advertising and the skilled trades to animation, film, game development, biotechnology and much more.

Working closely with business leaders throughout the province, colleges provide an effective combination of theoretical learning and state-of-the-art training. Colleges are flexible and innovative, incorporating technological advancements into programs that are uniquely tailored to today's students.

College education is affordable and highly accessible and colleges provide a range of credentials from diplomas to degrees to post-graduate certificates. More than 220,000 full-time students and 300,000 part-time students and learners are enrolled in Ontario's colleges.

With campuses throughout the province, the colleges' student population mirrors the diversity of the Ontario population. The colleges also have many strong supports to help the provinces' most vulnerable students pursue and complete a college education.

Colleges work collaboratively with universities to help increasing numbers of students acquire a combination of university and college credentials. As well, colleges deliver about 90 per cent of the in-class training for apprenticeship programs.

More than 1.5-million people have graduated from Ontario's colleges. Successful alumni include movie director **Paul Haggis**, celebrity chef **Mark McEwan**, Hockey Night in Canada host **George Stroumboulopoulos**, comedian and TV star **Brent Butt**, TV producer **Jon Cassar** and award-winning journalist **Martin Seemungal**.

KEY FACTS ABOUT COLLEGES:

- More than 83 per cent of college graduates find employment within six months of graduation.
- The number of university graduates enrolled in colleges has increased more than 40 per cent over five years.
- The OECD says Canada leads the world in post-secondary attainment rates because of the accessibility of college education.

Ontario needs a more highly qualified workforce for the years ahead. Ontario's colleges will play an essential role in strengthening the province's economy and helping more people find rewarding careers.