

World of Work

Post Graduate Survey

38% **college** bound (82% of applicants actually go)

31% **work** bound

22% **university** bound (73% of applicants actually go)

9% **return** to high school

Strategies for Work bound Students: Goal setting, Plan Outlining

1) Have a plan that matches your goal and reason for work.

a) Are you raising money to return to school at a later date? Summer work? Do you want your part time job to lead to full time work?

b) Are you seeking entry-level position? Are you networking to make this a reality. Who am I sharing my plans with that can help me reach my goals?

c) Apprenticeship for a skilled trade. What trade am I interested in? What research have I completed? What steps have I put into place to make this a reality? What schooling is involved to supplement the acquisition of my skills?

d) Is Private school a possibility? i.e. Marvel Beauty School, Massage Therapy

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION

What is it?

Apprenticeship is a hands-on training program for people who want to work in skilled trades. Ninety percent of an apprenticeship involves on-the-job training by sponsors or employers. The remainder involves theoretical training usually at a College of Applied Arts and Technology.

A Training agreement between employers and apprentices is prepared by consultants of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. This training agreement now becomes a contract between an apprentice and an employer. Apprentices now learn to become qualified tradespeople or “journeypersons”.

How long does it take?

Most apprenticeships take two to five years to complete depending upon the trade.

Obtain a Contract?

When an individual finds a willing sponsor then the local apprenticeship office should be contacted. A training consultant will arrange a meeting at the

workplace to assess the ability of the training sponsor to train, assess the person, prepare the training agreement or contract and initiate the training.

What is “Interprovincial” designation?

The Red Seal Program provides for greater mobility for skilled workers who wish to move from one part of Canada to another. It encourages standardization of provincial training and certification programs. Many Ontario trades are part of the Red Seal Program. In those trades, people are eligible to challenge trade examinations. If successful they receive a Certificate of Qualification with a red seal that allows them to work in other provinces.

Useful websites

- 1) www.careercruising.com
- 2) www.edu.gov.on.ca (apprenticeships) or call 1-888-JOBGROW
- 3) www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca
- 4) www.careecc.org
- 5) www.ontariopropects.info
- 6) www.canadacareerweek.com or www.canadapropects.com
- 7) Loans for tools 1-800-313-1746

Financial Assistance

- 1) Ontario Student Assistance Program <http://osap.gov.on.ca/>
- 2) Canadian Millennium Scholarships <http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca/>
- 3) Garfields Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges <http://www.gwmsc.ca/>
- 4) Queen Elizabeth 11 Aiming for the Top Scholarship (see OSAP website) click yes when applying for OSAP