# Course Selection & Post-Secondary Planning



#### **Timelines for Course Selection**

- December:
  - Grade 8 Parents' Night (Dec 4th)
  - Guidance class visits & distribution of materials
- § January:
  - Individual appointments
- February:
  - Grade 8 registration forms due (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>)





# **Graduation Requirements**

- § 30 credits
  - § 18 compulsory
  - § 12 elective
- Literacy requirement
  - OSSLT administered spring of grade 10 year
  - If unsuccessful, literacy course option
- **§ 40 hours of community involvement**

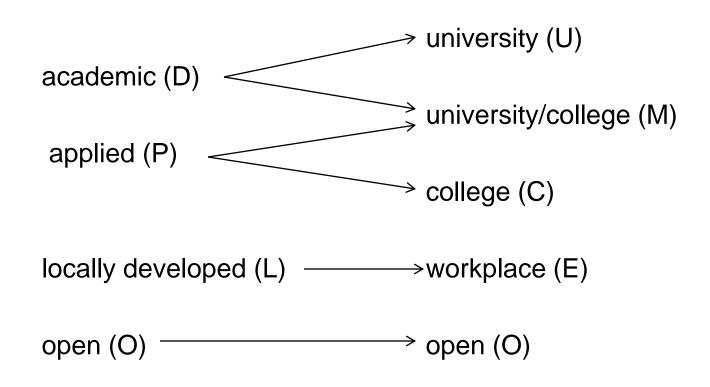




# **Course Types**

#### **Grade 9 & 10**

#### **Grade 11 & 12**





# **Specialty Programs @ Mulock**

#### Co-op (grades 11 & 12)

- Allows students an experiential learning opportunity
- Application packages to be completed in February
- Interviews in May
- Examples include:
  - One semester am, pm or full day
  - OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)
  - Accelerated OYAP
  - International Co-op (Costa Rica)



# **Specialty Programs @ Mulock**

#### Specialist High Skills Major (grades 11 & 12)

- Programs in Health & Wellness and Information & Communications Technology
- Suitable for all pathways (apprenticeship, college, university & workplace)
- 5 components:
  - Sundled (major) credits (4 total)
  - Experiential learning (co-op) & career exploration activities
  - certification & training (sector-recognized)
  - Reach ahead experiences (field trips, guest speakers etc.)
  - Essential skills & work habits (Ontario Skills Passport)

# **Specialty Programs @ Mulock**

#### High Performance Athlete (Grades 10-12)

- For students competing at a provincial, national or international level & training a minimum of 15 hours per week
- Links co-op experience to their training

#### Dual Credit (Grade 12)

- Allows students the opportunity to attend college while still attending high school
- Cost of tuition, transportation & books are covered
- Students earn both a college and related high school credit





#### 34 Credit Threshold

- Maximum of 34 credits in regular day school (including repeated courses)
- After 34 credits, night school / on-line courses / adult day school courses are options
- Within 4 years, no maximum number
- Exemptions:
  - Students with an IEP
  - SEST courses





# **Individual Pathways Plan (IPP)**

- Done through Career Cruising
- All students to review at least twice annually
- Allows for self-discovery, career exploration and post-secondary planning





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# **Career** Cruising

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# **Post-secondary Planning**

- 4 possible initial pathways after high school:
  - Apprenticeship
  - College
  - University
  - Workplace





# Why Apprenticeships?

# Hands-on training program for people who want to work in a skilled trade

- § 80% of apprenticeship training is provided in the workplace by employers
  - Apprentices work with a licensed journeyperson
  - A minimum required number of hours
  - Usually takes 2 5 years
- § 20% involves classroom instruction
  - 8-12 week sessions at a local community college or other approved training center (ex/ a union)





# Who should consider an apprenticeship?

- Likes to learn by doing rather than by sitting in a classroom
- Work well with their hands
- Good mathematical skills (many trades)
- Want to get paid while they learn





### **Four Trade Sectors**

#### Construction

ex/ carpenter, electrician, crane operator, glazier

#### **Motive Power**

ex/ autobody technician, marine engine repairer, small engine mechanic, transmission technician

#### **Industrial**

ex/ blacksmith, locksmith, tool & die maker, welder

#### Service

ex/ arborist, baker/cook, education assistant, hair stylist







# Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program



- Allows high school students to earn credits towards their diploma and hours towards their apprenticeship at the same time
- Must be 16 years of age, with 16 completed credits
- Students sign up for co-operative education (4 credits)
- Students are registered as apprentices with the Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities





# Why College?

- Diverse program options
- Accessible in over 200 communities in Ontario
- Practical experience
- Wide spectrum of program types
- Cost-effective
- Personalized instruction





# Who should consider college?

- Enjoys combining theoretical and technical knowledge
- Wants practical industry-related learning
- Mas a specific career goal / focus
- May wish to enter the workforce quickly
- Senefits from a more intimate learning environment





# **Program Types**

#### 1. Certificates

- 1 year or less in length
- Career preparation type programs
- Seneral arts & science / pre-diploma programs (ex/ pre-health science)
- Pre-apprenticeship

#### 2. Diplomas

#### Applied Bachelor Degrees

- 4 years in length
- Unique programs tend to be narrower in scope than university degrees
- Combines practical, technical strengths of a college education with the theoretical foundation of a bachelors degree





# Program Types (cont...)

- 4. Joint Programs & Collaborative Degrees
  - Colleges and universities together offering a program ex/ Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 5. Articulation / Transfer Agreements
  - Start in college and transfer to university with credit given for the work done in college
- 6. Graduate Certificate Programs
  - For students who have completed a diploma or degree

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## **College Admissions**

- Migh school diploma (OSSD)
  - Need grade 12 College English for most programs
  - Minimum 70% average usually
  - Many programs will have higher admission averages
  - GENERALLY NO DIFFERENCE RECOGNIZED BETWEEN
     COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COURSES
  - Degree programs require 6 Grade 12 U/M courses as prerequisites
- Supplementary information





# Who should consider university?

- enjoys a classroom setting
- good communication skills
  - both written and oral
- good time management skills
- self motivated
- an independent learner
- teamwork oriented
- analytical



# **Post Secondary Planning**

- University Admissions
  - Migh school diploma (OSSD)
  - - minimum 70% average
    - many universities or programs will have much higher admission averages
    - some programs require as many as 5 specific U courses as prerequisites
  - Supplementary information

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#### Where are all the jobs?

Despite persistent high unemployment in Canada, many occupations are expected to face serious shortages of qualified workers over the next decade. The following shows the percentage of job openings that are forecast to go unfilled in each occupation, with more vacancies than actual job seekers.

Technical sales specialists, wholesale trade 23%

Logging and forestry workers 27%

Finance and insurance administrative occupations 28%

Stationary engineers and power station and system operators 28%

Cleaners 30%

Service station attendants, grocery clerks and shelf stockers 31%

Administrative and regulatory occupations (e.g., court officers) 34%

Transportation officers (e.g., pilots, air and marine traffic controllers) 34%

College and other vocational instructors 34%

Insurance and real estate sales workers and buyers 35%

Mine service workers and operators in oil and gas drilling 36%

Managers in protective services (e.g., police, fire, armed forces) 38%

Positions in agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture 38%

Administrative support clerks 40%

Logging machinery operators 40%

Technical jobs in libraries, archives, museums and galleries 45%

Supervisors in mining, oil and gas 58%

Secretaries, recorders and transcriptionists 71%

Supervisors in logging and forestry 100%







# Mythbusters!

- Students must have U level math and/or science to go to university
- Students should take all U/M level courses to "keep their options open"
- Students taking applied (P) level courses in grades 9 / 10 can't go on to university
- University is what ALL students should be striving towards





# Mythbusters!

- You only go to college or do an apprenticeship if you can't get into university
- College / apprenticeship graduates get paid less than university graduates
- College is easier to get into than university
- Taking "U" level courses will give you a better chance of getting into college
- You need grade 12 math to get into college



# Questions?

