

## POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

### WORLD OF WORK

Register with **JOB CONNECT** upon graduation.

Trained employment counsellors assist with:

- self-assessments
- resumes and applications
- interview techniques
- employment opportunities
- connections and networking

**Registered youth are more attractive to employers because:**

- employers are eligible to receive up to a \$4000 tax rebate if they hire a registered person
- in addition, the government will pay part of their wages
- **OYAP** allows highschool students to obtain highschool credits as well as accumulating apprenticeship hours and "phase 1" of college sessions

### APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

On the job training allows you to earn while you Learn.

#### **HOW TO START:**

- register with **Job Connect**
- Find an interested employer
- Register with the Ministry of Education and Training – this provides you with a contract between you, your employer and the Ministry of Education

**Phases of training** involve a prescribed number of hours of paid on-the-job training as well as in-school components (usually 8 week sessions at a college called phases)

By working a **minimum of 900 hrs.** before the first in-class phase, you qualify for unemployment insurance during your schooling as well as a huge reduction in tuition

In anywhere from 2 to 5 years you can become a registered professional in your field

**Apprenticeship opportunities** include unlimited opportunities from a multitude of fields such as:

- hairdressing & estheticians
- E.C.W. or C.Y.W.
- cooks and chef training
- trades people like electricians, plumbers, welders, mechanics, machinists, tool & die, masons, construction, etc

### COLLEGE

Education is directed toward "applied" knowledge and skills relative to a specific career area .

- **Certificate** (1 year)
- **Diploma** (2 years)
- **Advanced Diploma** (3 years)
- **Applied (Bachelor's) Degree** (4 years)
- **Joint or Collaborative Degree** with an associated university provides both a degree and a diploma (4 years)
- **Arts and Science diplomas** allow students to upgrade academic skills to prepare for university
- **Bridging diplomas** allow students to get 2 diplomas in a shorter period of time
- some "**techniques**" programs (1 or 2 years) as well as many diploma programs are geared toward preparing students for apprenticeships and often include "phase 1" equivalents
- **Post Diploma Programs** are one year programs for students who already have a university degree or college diploma

### UNIVERSITY

Education involves theory, knowledge and problem solving more often related to a certain subject area or profession as opposed to a specific career.

- **Undergraduate degrees**, called Bachelor degrees, are the initial degrees that are available to high school graduates
- **General Degrees** - 3 years
- **Honours Degrees** - 4 years
- **Major** – involves taking about half of your courses in a specific area of interest
- **Minor** – involves taking about one quarter of your courses in an area of interest
- options include **combined majors or specializations**
- **Joint Degrees** involve collaboration with colleges (see college information)
- **Coop (paid) or Internship opportunities** exists for career training & exploration
- **Law & Medicine** or other degrees may require some university study first
- Post-graduate degrees like **Masters or Doctorates (PHD)** require an honours degree

