

OYAP & Apprenticeship



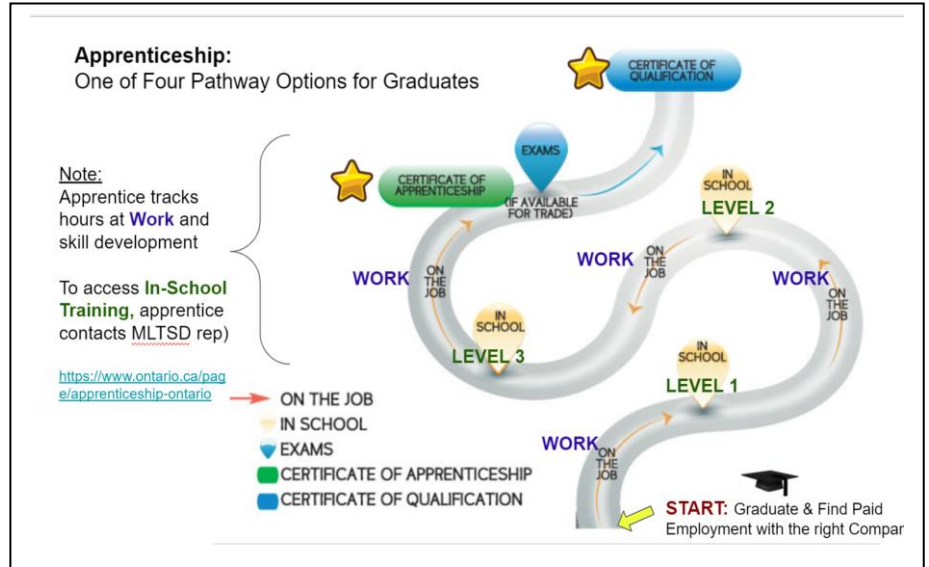
Apprenticeship

High school students, can get a head start on the apprenticeship pathway by taking co-op credits and exploring the skilled trade jobs they are interested in. If a high school decides to do this, they can affiliate with OYAP and get started as a pre-apprentice.

Apprenticeship is the formal pathway after high school, for anyone at any age.

Apprenticeship formally starts when an individual finds paid employment with a company that has a certified supervisor, and is willing to sponsor them by filling out and signing a Training Agreement.

As an apprentice, you learn on the job, and after accumulating a predetermined amount of paid working hours, you register for in-school training (referred to as Levels).



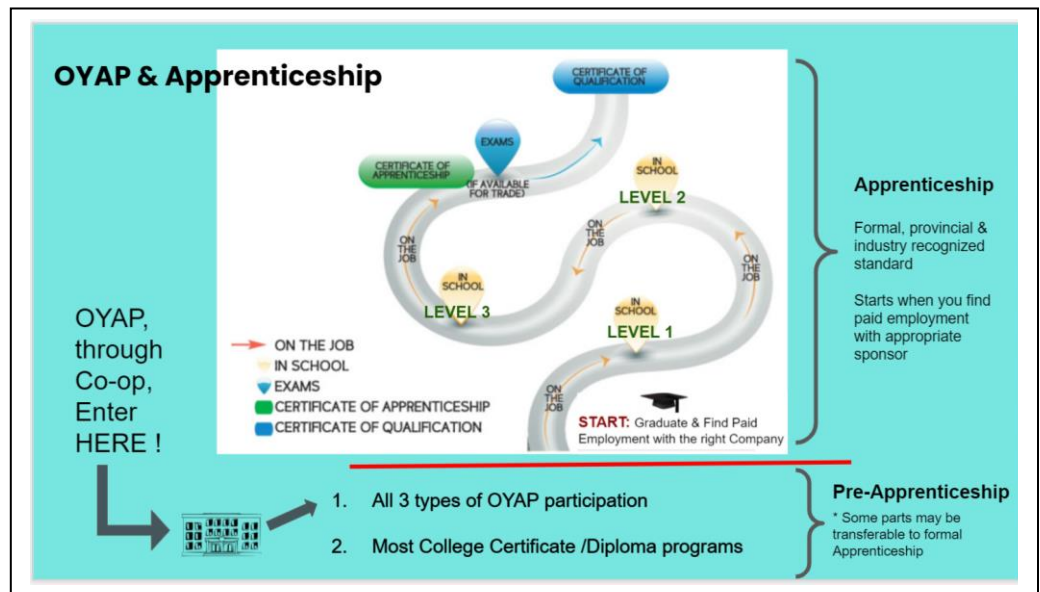
Each in-school training session takes 8 weeks.

Some trades require 2 sessions/Levels, while others require 3 sessions/Levels.

Where does OYAP Fit In?

While students are in high school they can participate in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) by taking co-op credits and exploring one of 140+ apprenticeable skilled trades.

OYAP is like a pre-apprenticeship program with several benefits for students depending on their level of affiliation. The co-op teacher works closely with students to determine suitable OYAP affiliation status (either: OYAP Participant, Registered OYAP or Accelerated OYAP).



Students who participate in OYAP may be able to use the hours they log, the skills they develop and special training instruction towards formal apprenticeship.

This is a great opportunity because it means student may spend less time moving down the apprenticeship pathway.