



# CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER - 620A ACCELERATED OYAP PROGRAM

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A child and youth worker works to improve the physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of vulnerable children, youth and families. They focus on the growth and development of children and youth based on direct, day-to-day work with children and youth in their environment and develop relationships with children, their families, their communities and other inter-disciplinary team members. They are employed by social service and government agencies, mental health agencies, group homes, shelters, substance abuse centres, school boards, correctional facilities and other establishments.

### TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:

- Be at least 16 years old, eligible to work in Ontario and have a social insurance number
- Be in good academic standing and have completed at least 25 credits by February and be ready to graduate in June (including all compulsory courses, literacy requirement and community hours required for your Ontario Secondary School Diploma).
- Be willing to travel to Centennial College for classes one day a week and also to a cooperative education placement in a local daycare four days a week
- Attend pre-placement and integration classes at their home school

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS INCLUDE:

- Students attend 4 credit cooperative education starting in February
- Modules of the CYW apprenticeship curriculum at Centennial College
- 1 Dual Credit
- TTC transportation provided

**This program begins in Semester 2 and is open to GRADE 12 STUDENTS who have at least 25 credits by February, working towards their OSSD.**

1	Dual Credit TOE4Y
4	Co-op Credits
<b>5</b>	<b>CREDIT TOTAL</b>

The Toronto District School Board, The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), and Centennial College offer this opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing a career as a child and youth worker.

**\*\* Upon graduation, OYAP ends and you must find paid work in the industry as a regular, registered apprentice in order to continue your trade training and qualify for your Certificate of Qualification licensing exam.**



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## HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS ACCELERATED OYAP PROGRAM?

The application process for this Accelerated OYAP program is as follows:

1. Contact your guidance counsellor or co-op education teacher and complete the application using the Central Co-op Application Tool by early November. Ensure that you are enrolled in 4-credit co-op for semester 2. You will be contacted via your **TDSB email address** to upload your resume and cover letter.
2. You will be interviewed by a team that includes representatives from the Toronto District School Board and the partnering training delivery agent (e.g., instructors from a college or training centre). At your interview, you will be assessed on the following:
  - Communication skills
  - Personal presentation
  - Basic math skills
  - Motivation
  - Attitude
  - Attendance

\*\* Students, parents, and teachers are strongly encouraged to attend the information session for this program. For more details on this information session, application due date, and interview dates, speak to your guidance counsellor or a co-operative education teacher at your school or visit [oyaptdsb.com](http://oyaptdsb.com)

Visit [www.oyaptdsb.com](http://www.oyaptdsb.com) for further details on registration or contact a member of the OYAP team below:

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## WHAT IS APPRENTICESHIP?

- Apprenticeship is a post-secondary education and training program for people who want to work in the skilled trade professions and who enjoy learning by doing
- 90% of apprenticeship training is acquired through hands-on instruction that employers provide at the workplace
- 10% is classroom instruction that usually takes place at a community college or an approved training organization
- An apprenticeship typically takes from 2-5 years to complete, depending on the profession
- An apprentice becomes a skilled professional called a journey person when he/she receives a Certificate of Qualification. This happens once the apprentice has completed 100% of the training (in-school and work-based) and passed the Certificate of Qualification examination.

## WHAT IS THE ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)?

In most cases, an apprentice must have a high school diploma before beginning an apprenticeship. The exception is the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). OYAP is a special program that promotes careers in the skilled professions to high school students. OYAP allows you to earn credits towards your high school diploma while you gain experience and knowledge at an apprenticeship placement. For some careers, the Toronto District School Board offers centrally coordinated Accelerated OYAP programs as well as specialized tech studies /co-op OYAP programs and regular Co-op OYAP programs.

**\*\* Students are encouraged to consult with their parent(s), guidance counsellor and/or cooperative education teacher as they complete the application and prepare for the interview.**



## WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, OYAP STUDENTS:

- Must travel to a specific training location assigned by the MCTU for the apprenticeship classes
- Do not pay tuition fees for these in-school sessions
- Are provided with tools of the trade during the program
- May be required to purchase personal protective equipment and/or specialized clothing
- Develop skills recognized within the specific industry
- Earn credits towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma