

## Important terms

PSE = post-secondary education

First degree = Undergraduate (usually 4 years), also known as Bachelor's Degree

Faculty = Arts - BA; Science – BSc; Commerce - BComm; Fine Arts – BFA; Engineering - BEng

Major = approx. 50% of courses in one subject area

Minor = approx. 25% of courses in one subject area

Masters = Graduate Degree, follows Bachelor's Degree

## What are transcripts

A high school transcript is a legal document that records course names, marks earned, and credits hours during Grades 10, 11 and 12. There are two types of transcripts:

**Official** which has the school stamp and official signature; sent directly to PSE by high school

**Unofficial** are neither signed nor sealed and can be given directly to a student.

## How to get a transcript

- 🔗 Fill out “Transcript Request” form available in Guidance, Main Office, or *schoolcashonline*
- 🔗 Official transcripts will be emailed directly to the institution (may take up to five days).
- 🔗 Please do not wait until the last minute when requesting transcripts.

## How to apply to college or university

- ✍️ Application Form (submitted online) college / university website or OUAC for Ontario schools
- ✍️ Application Fee – cost varies according to school (may be free at Open House or on-the-spot)
- ✍️ Official Transcript (mailed, emailed or faxed from BMHS)
- ✍️ Sometimes a portfolio, audition, written work, etc., may be required.
- ✍️ Remember acceptance is conditional until June final marks are received and graduation is confirmed.

Would you like to check admissions requirements, discuss scholarships, and look up program information? We welcome opportunities to meet with students and their parents/guardians!

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# Grad Information Guide

## Exploring Options after High School

- 📋 Post-secondary Education: College and/or University
- 📋 Fulltime employment
- 📋 Apprenticeship
- 📋 Join the military

## Career Guidance Website

[myblueprint.ca](https://myblueprint.ca)

- My Blueprint is a website that can help students learn about themselves and their interests, occupations, post-secondary schools and programs, and provide other resources to help students with their plans for after high school.
- All students have access to a free account. Any student who does not have an account can contact their school counsellor for information on how to create one.

## College & University ... same but different?

**College** programs require 1 or 2 year(s) of study after which a diploma or certificate is awarded. The focus of college education is to help students develop job ready skills and qualifications directly related to the work force.

**University** usually requires at least 4 years of study where students enter a faculty (e.g. Sciences, Arts, Business, etc.), select a major (e.g. Biology, History, Music, etc.) and earn a bachelor's degree. Students may learn job ready skills and directly enter the workforce or may be required to take further education to earn professional qualifications (e.g. pharmacist, teacher, dentist, etc.)

**Articulation Agreements** allow students to combine the college and university experience. These are formalized agreements between some universities and colleges that recognize college coursework, thus credits can be applied towards degree.

# What can I do to best prepare during grade 12?

| First semester                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>During the semester:</b> ✍ Many Post-Secondary Education reps will visit the school during lunch hour. For more information, see Grads of 2024 Team site. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| September                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Update resume and have it proofread.</li><li>✋ Write a one-page essay about yourself – most scholarships will ask for one and now it’s done!</li><li>✋ Ask teachers, coaches, employers, and other key adults for reference letters.</li><li>✋ Interested in NBCC? Apply online as soon as possible.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                |
| October                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Talk with PSE reps at the College &amp; University Fair. Sometime in October. Over 40 Atlantic Canadian colleges and universities will be present.</li><li>✋ Visit and learn about the PSE program first hand by attending an Open House (usually held in the fall). Participate in Student for a Day or Open House. You can register on the institutions’ websites.</li><li>✋ Most university applications open around mid-October (apply online).</li></ul> |
| November                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Visit post-secondary education institutions’ websites and research programs that interest you, e.g. admissions requirements, qualifications earned, fees, length of time, preparation for the work world.</li><li>✋ Decided on a university program and your average is +80%? Apply for early admissions this month.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                |
| December                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Double check admissions requirements and, if necessary, make course changes for second semester. Post-secondary education admission in Canada is based on marks earned in specific grade 12 courses. English 121/122 is <u>always</u> required for an English university.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| January                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Good luck on your January exams and final assessments! Apply to university with your final first semester - January marks.</li><li>✋ Request your transcript to be sent to the university when the report card marks are in.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| Second semester                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>During the semester:</b> ✍ Organize your scholarship time – make sure you have enough copies of your resume, reference letters, stamps, envelopes, etc. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| February                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Start regularly applying for bursaries and scholarships; most deadlines are due in the spring. Many of the local bursaries and scholarships are awarded at graduation.</li><li>✋ File your taxes – this is what you will need to apply for student loans (students and parents).</li><li>✋ University Admissions Entrance Awards may need a separate application – verify, read your acceptance letter, act on your next steps.</li></ul> |
| March                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Offers of conditional acceptance and entrance awards are made by universities this month.</li><li>✋ Continue applying for scholarships and awards!</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| April                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Bound for college or university? Pay down deposit and make decisions about roommates and courses.</li><li>✋ Now is a good time to work out a budget for next year.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| May                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Change your mind? It’s ok! Make an appointment with the school counsellor if you want to talk about what else may be out there as options.</li><li>✋ Concentrate on school work and exams. A requirement for ALL post-secondary schools in GRADUATION!!</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| June                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Student Loans are used by over 50% of students. Online applications usually open in May or June – <a href="http://studentaid.gnb.ca">studentaid.gnb.ca</a></li><li>✋ You must inform the school office by early June if you receive scholarships and bursaries for recognition during graduation.</li><li>✋ <b>Remember to request your FINAL transcript to be sent to your selected school.</b></li></ul>                                |
| Beyond...                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✋ Scholarships will be available in all years of post-secondary – they are often forgotten.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |