

# Guidance Counsellor Transfer Guide.



## Helping students plan for postsecondary?

Make sure they know their  
transfer & pathway options.

This guide will help.

# What if a student...

- + doesn't have the grades to get into the school/program they want?
- + chooses a program/school that ends up not being a good fit?
- + wants to go to both college *and* university?

Ontario's **postsecondary transfer & pathway system** may be the answer your students are looking for.

Unfortunately, many students aren't aware of their transfer & pathway options.

**This guide provides you with the tools to help students:**

- understand transfer & pathways, how they work & the benefits they provide to students
- explore their transfer options so they can make more empowered postsecondary decisions





## What is transfer?

**Transfer** — when a student switches from one postsecondary program/school to another.

**Pathway** — defined transfer route from one postsecondary program to another program.

### There are 2 types of transfer:

**Program Pathway** — transfer a block of credits/courses from one program to another.

**Course Transfer** — transfer individual courses a student has already completed.

Or, a student can take a course at another school & have it apply towards their current school.

*\*Course transfers may only be relevant for students after they start an undergraduate program.*

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## How do transfer & pathways benefit students?

**65,000+**  
transfer  
students in  
any given  
year in  
Ontario.

### Transfer & pathways allow students to:

- access alternative entry points into a program/school they were not initially accepted to
- change programs or switch schools if/when their personal/financial circumstances, interests or education goals change
- combine certificates, diplomas & degrees to increase their chances at career success

## Quick Fact

Depending on the type of transfer or pathway, a student may receive credits for their previously completed studies.



Students who are able to carry over previously earned credits avoid starting their new program from scratch.

E.g. A student is awarded "*advance standing*" in their new program.

# Why should high school students know about transfer & pathways?

Many high school students are unaware of their transfer & pathway options when deciding which postsecondary program or school to apply to.



## Helping your students understand their options can:

- ease their postsecondary concerns
- empower them to make the most informed postsecondary choices possible
- educate them on alternative opportunities that can help meet their postsecondary goals

# A credit transfer & program pathway guide for Ontario students.

Find the information & tools you need to transfer courses or find pathways to/from Ontario's public colleges, universities & Indigenous Institutes.



Search for transfer opportunities

Learn about transfer

School-specific transfer info

## How to use ONTransfer.ca to help your students

ONTransfer.ca is an online student guide to postsecondary transfer & pathways in Ontario.

The guide provides students with the information & tools needed to:

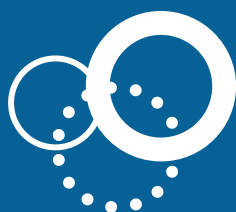
- explore their transfer options
- understand the process & the steps required
- help students apply and connect

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# Your guide to transferring courses, schools or programs at Ontario's Colleges, Universities & Indigenous Institutes.



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