Post-Graudate Programs

What are Post-Graduate programs?

✓ Post-Graduate (post-grad) certificates and diplomas are another type of further education, different from graduate studies (academic) or professional school (e.g., medicine, architecture).
✓ These programs are 1-2 years of full-time study, often can be completed part-time in a longer timeframe, and offer intensive training and practical skills in specific career areas.
✓ Some of the training could be practical (e.g., field placements or co-op).
✓ A combination of skills training and experiential learning can help you become more competitive in the labour market.

Evaluating and Choosing Programs

As with graduate and professional programs, you should consider:

✓ What is your goal in attending the program?
✓ How does this program fit with your career goals?
✓ What are the admission requirements? Do you have the core qualifications or do you need to pursue further courses and gain experience before applying?
✓ Have you heard what people in your network and other professionals say about the institution’s reputation, strengths and weaknesses?
✓ Are the campus and location right for you? Is the program online?
✓ Do they offer the kind of learning experience you are seeking?

What are common admission requirements for these programs?

✓ Completion of a degree or diploma.
✓ Prerequisite courses in specific fields of study related to the program.
✓ Related experience, which may have been volunteer experience.
Requirements for post-grad programs vary considerably. Review specific program websites for full details.

Need More Information?

Part-Time Post-Graduate Studies Sample Providers
University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies
  • learn.utoronto.ca
  • Ask them about the tuition credit for U of T graduates.
Ryerson University Chang School of Continuing Education
  • ce-online.ryerson.ca/ce
Ontario Learn (part-time programs in-person and online through colleges)
  • www.ontariolearn.com

Full-Time Post-Graduate Studies
Ontario Colleges
  • www.ontariocolleges.ca

The AA&CC can help!

Attend the Graduate & Professional Schools Fair (Early Fall), go to a Preparing for Professional & Graduate School workshop, meet professionals through In the Field workplace visits, Extern Job Shadowing, or speak with a Career Strategist to learn how to get relevant experience!

How and When Do I Apply?

✓ Application requirements and process vary considerably by program.
✓ Colleges often offer a January or May start in addition to a September start.
✓ Continuing Education departments often offer shorter courses (i.e., 6 weeks) and more frequent start dates.