

Highlights from our 2023 OCEA Spring Conference

A huge thank you to all those that attended / participated in our recent **2023 OCEA Spring Conference** held April 16th-18th, 2023 at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale in Mississauga! This year's theme was **Cooperative Education: Full Speed Ahead!** and the focus was **"Facilitating and Supporting the Exchange of Ideas Among Cooperative Education and other Experiential Learning Professionals"**.



THANK YOU / KUDOS TO ALL THE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS! Without our presenters there wouldn't be an event to plan.

Attendance at our **2023 OCEA Spring Conference** exceeded the expectations of the Conference Planning Team and feedback from the completed survey was very positive. The feedback assists us in improving and planning for our future events! Overall, we had **321 delegates** attending **36 workshops** with **over 60 workshop presenters, 8 exhibitors** and **1 sponsor**.

Many workshop presenters have provided their presentations in PDF format for viewing or downloading and those presentations are now available to current OCEA members in the **RESOURCES (Members Only)** area of our **website**. Some presenters have also graciously provided **additional resources from their presentations** that can be viewed / downloaded in the **RESOURCES (Members Only)** area of our **website** as well. **NOTE: You must be signed into your online OCEA account and have a current OCEA membership to access the resources in the RESOURCES (Members Only) area.**

Thank You to our 2023 OCEA Spring Conference Exhibitors:

Action First Aid Inc.

Action First Aid offers best in class student training. Our programs are developed by a former teacher who understands the need for courses to be interactive and engaging. With over 60 instructors, we make it easy for you to schedule SHSM & Co-op required courses in First Aid with CPR & AED, Mental Health, WHMIS, and many other electives such as lockout/tagout, electrical, fire and ladder safety.



<https://www.actionfirstaid.ca/>

Action Total Health

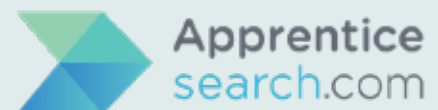
Action Total Health delivers both Mental Health First Aid certification in partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada as well as many other customized, modular programs of various lengths including supporting youth. Our commitment to understanding client needs provides teachers looking to either support or include mental health programming in their curriculum with options that are all designed to equip and empower people with strategies to optimize mental well-being.



<https://www.actionfirstaid.ca/action-total-health/>

ApprenticeSearch.com

ApprenticeSearch.com is a free online job search and matching platform with an exclusive focus on apprenticeship trade positions in Canada. While visiting the ApprenticeSearch.com booth, you can also learn about Gateway to the Trades, a part-time, facilitated skilled trades exploration and employment readiness program.



www.ApprenticeSearch.com

**Army Reserve Co-op /
Canadian Forces**

Successful applicants to the Army Reserve Co-op program will become serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves. This is a serious commitment and should not be taken lightly. Students will receive military training and pay during the program. Students will be accredited with their Basic Military Qualifications. There is an expectation that students who participate in the Co-op program will continue to serve on a part-time basis with the Reserves after the program ends.

www.forces.ca



Conestoga College

Conestoga now serves approximately 26,000 registered students through campuses and training centres in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph, Stratford, Ingersoll, and Brantford and is a provincial leader in apprenticeship training. As the region's only provider of polytechnic education, Conestoga plays an integral role in the success of our community: 65 per cent of our graduates remain in the area after completing their education, contributing more than \$2.3 billion each year to the local economy. More than 50 per cent of the local adult population has accessed our services. Conestoga delivers more than 300 career-focused programs and has more degree offerings than any other college outside of the GTA, including Ontario's only college-based, accredited engineering degrees.

www.conestogac.on.ca



Edge Factor Inc.

Edge Factor delivers thousands of multimedia tools and gamified experiences that inspire people to explore, prepare and connect on their Career Journey. SHSM, OYAP, Co-op and STEAM educators share these high-quality videos, activities, and lesson plans with students in classrooms, homes, and events. Showcase industries and career pathways, take virtual field trips, teach Soft Skills, tools and equipment, STEAM on-the-job, and much more! We have free and premium options - connect with us:

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<https://edgefactor.com/>



EduTravel Inc.

EduTravel is a Canadian owned and operated tour provider founded on the concept of experiential learning. EduTravel has experience working with various industry partners to create tailored SHSM programming for different sectors. We help plan your custom SHSM experience from half-day workshops to full-day experiences, ensuring a seamless experience throughout the entire process. Our mission is to provide engaging, educational, and fun learning opportunities for students.

<https://thisisclass.com>



MTEL: Le Centre Franco

Would you like to save time and become more efficient in managing your experiential learning programs? The application Management Tool for Experiential Learning (MTEL) has recently been refined and entirely reprogrammed as a powerful application and adheres to Ministry guidelines. This all-in-one solution application and its great features have become school board's first choice and creates a worry-free management. This tool is easy to use for the board-coordinator, the teaching staff, the students, the employers, and the administrators. You will quickly understand why we remain a provincial leader in this area and why we are renowned for our stellar customer service.



Request a virtual tour of MTEL at mtel@lecentrefranco.ca. Our qualified personnel will answer your questions with pleasure!

<https://www.mtel.ca>

OGAPE: Le Centre Franco

Vous souhaitez gagner du temps et optimiser l'efficacité de la gestion de vos programmes d'apprentissage par l'expérience? L'application moderne Outil de gestion de l'apprentissage par l'expérience (OGAPE) a été entièrement mise à jour et adhère aux directives du Ministère. Ce puissant outil tout-en-un est devenu le choix no 1 des conseils scolaires pour une gestion sans souci. Ses fonctionnalités en font une application performante dont l'utilisation est facile pour la coordination-conseil, le personnel enseignant, les élèves, les employeurs et l'administration. Vous comprendrez les raisons pour lesquelles nous demeurons le chef de file dans ce domaine et pourquoi notre service à la clientèle est exemplaire.



Faites une demande de visite virtuelle de OGAPE à ogape@lecentrefranco.ca. Notre personnel qualifié se fera un plaisir de répondre à vos questions!"

<https://ogape.ca>

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

OYAP is a specialized program in high school that allows you to explore apprenticeship and consider careers in the skilled trades, generally starting in Grade 11 or Grade 12 through the cooperative education program.



<https://oyap.com>

Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (PAJO)

Le PAJO est un programme spécialisé offert dans les écoles secondaires qui te permet d'explorer l'apprentissage et d'envisager des carrières dans les métiers spécialisés, généralement à partir de la 11e ou de la 12e année grâce au programme d'éducation coopérative.



<https://oyap.com/fr>

Skilled Trades Ontario

Skilled Trades Ontario is the one-stop shop for opportunities in the skilled trades and the promotion of rewarding careers which support Ontario's economy.

Skilled Trades Ontario is responsible for skilled trades certification in Ontario, including:

- Ø establishing apprenticeship programs, including training standards, curriculum standards and certification exams.
- Ø assessing experience and qualifications of individuals who have not completed an apprenticeship program in Ontario.
- Ø issuing Certificates of Qualification in all trades with certifying exams.
- Ø renewing Certificates of Qualification in compulsory trades.
- Ø maintaining a Public Register of people authorized to work in compulsory trades.
- Ø conducting research in relation to apprenticeship and the trades.



<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>

Métiers spécialisés Ontario

Métiers spécialisés Ontario est le guichet unique pour les possibilités dans les métiers spécialisés et la promotion de carrières gratifiantes qui soutiennent l'économie de l'Ontario.

Métiers spécialisés Ontario est responsable de l'accréditation des métiers spécialisés en Ontario, y compris :

- Ø l'établissement de programmes d'apprentissage, y compris les normes de formation, les normes des programmes d'études et les examens d'accréditation.
- Ø évaluer l'expérience et les qualifications des personnes qui n'ont pas suivi un programme d'apprentissage en Ontario.
- Ø délivrer des certificats de qualification dans tous les métiers avec des examens de certification.
- Ø renouveler les certificats de qualification dans les métiers obligatoires.
- Ø tenir un registre public des personnes autorisées à travailler dans les métiers obligatoires.
- Ø mener des recherches sur l'apprentissage et les métiers.



<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/fr/>

Keep watching our [website](#) and your inbox for details on our upcoming **2023 OCEA Fall Symposium - The planning has just begun!**