

2024 VIRTUAL OCEA FALL SYMPOSIUM

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***Hello from OCEA!***

***To continue providing professional development to our members, especially to the “New / Newer” to Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning teachers / educators, OCEA will be offering a ONE-DAY, VIRTUAL EVENT ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024.***

**REGISTRATION RATES: <https://oceacon.ca/events/fall-symposium/>**

- ***CURRENT OCEA MEMBER*** - the individual fee to attend the ONE-DAY VIRTUAL EVENT will be: \$70.00 plus \$9.10 (13% HST) per person = **\$ 79.10.**
- ***NOT A CURRENT MEMBER OF OCEA*** - the individual fee to attend the ONE-DAY VIRTUAL EVENT will be: \$100.00 plus \$13.00 (13% HST) per person = **\$ 113.00.**

**FOR SCHOOL BOARD LEADS ONLY:**

If you require a CODE to provide to your teachers so they can attend the symposium, please send your request to Carol Madsen at [oceacon@rogers.com](mailto:oceacon@rogers.com) and you will be invoiced after the event.

*P.S. We also look forward to seeing you in-person at the Sheraton and Best Western Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Richmond Hill, Ontario for our 2025 OCEA Spring Conference, April 27th, 28th & 29th, 2025!*

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***Bonjour de l'AÉCO !***

***Pour continuer à offrir du perfectionnement professionnel à nos membres, en particulier aux « Nouveau / Plus récent » enseignants/éducateurs de l'enseignement coopératif et d'autres formes d'apprentissage expérientiel, l'AÉCO offrira un ÉVÉNEMENT VIRTUEL D'UNE JOURNÉE LE JEUDI 7 NOVEMBRE 2024.***

**TAUX D'INSCRIPTION: <https://oceacon.ca/fr/evenements/symposium-dautomne/>**

- ***MEMBRE ACTUEL DE L'AÉCO*** - les frais individuels pour assister à l'ÉVÉNEMENT VIRTUEL D'UNE JOURNÉE seront: 70,00 \$ plus 9,10\$ (13 % de TVH) par personne = **79,10 \$.**
- ***PAS UN MEMBRE ACTUEL DE L'AÉCO*** - les frais individuels pour assister à l'ÉVÉNEMENT VIRTUEL D'UNE JOURNÉE seront: 100,00 \$ plus 13 \$ (13% de TVH) par personne = **113,00 \$.**

**POUR LES DIRIGEANTS DE CONSEILS SCOLAIRES SEULEMENT:**

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*P.S. Nous avons également hâte de vous voir en personne à l'hôtel Sheraton and Best Western Parkway Toronto North, en Ontario, pour notre conférence du printemps 2025 de l'AÉCO, les 27, 28 et 29 avril 2025!*



## SYMPOSIUM AGENDA / PROGRAMME DU SYMPOSIUM

8:45 – 9:00am	<b>LAND RECOGNITION FORMAL ADDRESS / SYMPOSIUM WELCOME / SPONSORS ANNOUNCEMENT</b>
8h45 à 9h00	<b>RECONNAISSANCE FORMELLE DU TERRITOIRE / BIENVENUE OFFICIELLE / ANNONCES DES COMMANDITAIRES</b>
9:00 – 10:00am 9h00 à 10h00	<b>SESSION A WORKSHOPS ATELIERS DE SESSION A</b>
A1	<p><b>L'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE, UNE VOIE VERS LA RÉUSSITE COLLECTIVE ET INDIVIDUELLE!</b></p> <p>Cet atelier vise à développer la responsabilisation chez les élèves afin qu'ils réussissent leurs stages et apprennent de leurs expériences dans le monde du travail. Le développement de cette compétence permet à l'élève de reconnaître qu'il est unique, avec ses forces, intérêts, besoins et aspirations spécifiques sur le plan professionnel. Nous discuterons des stratégies utilisées pour maîtriser cette compétence et engager l'élève activement dans le processus reliés à l'apprentissage par l'expérience.</p> <p><i>Debbie Callan, Enseignante en éducation coopérative, CSC Mon-Avenir</i></p>
A2	<p><b>TIPS, TRICKS &amp; EMPOWERING YOUR STUDENTS FROM START TO FINISH AND HOW TO TURN CHALLENGE INTO OPPORTUNITY</b></p> <p>This presentation will demonstrate how to use a growth mindset approach to empowering your students into self-advocating and setting meaningful goals for themselves. We will also be covering start-up tips and tricks and being proactive to challenges that can arise.</p> <p><i>Kevin Kokerus, Cooperative Education Teacher, Halton DSB</i></p>
A3	<p><b>LIABILITY &amp; RISK MANAGEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (OSBIE) (Note: this workshop will be repeated in Session C3)</b></p> <p>Attention Cooperative Education Teachers! – This session will provide an overview of the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) liability insurance coverage and risk management strategies for Cooperative Education programs. Who should attend? Any school board employee with connections to Cooperative Education.</p> <p><i>Julie Welsh, Risk Manager, Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)</i></p>
A4	<p><b>AI: SUPPORTING THE JOB SEARCH JOURNEY</b></p> <p>Love it or hate it...AI is here to stay! This session will provide an introduction to AI platforms, review advantages, disadvantages and considerations for how students can use AI in school and at work. Learn about the power of targeted prompts and help students develop the skills to work "with machines" for job search, interview preparation, networking, and career research.</p> <p><i>Jean Giroux, Certified Career Development Practitioner, Expert Career Advice</i></p>
A5	<p><b>PROMOTING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENTS IN THE SKILLED TRADES (AKA TRADE DAY FRIDAYS)</b></p> <p>Join us for an engaging workshop on promoting Cooperative Education, where we'll explore strategies to enhance collaboration between schools and businesses. Discover how effective partnerships can enrich student learning experiences and prepare them for the workforce. Together, we'll brainstorm how to foster and support opportunities for all learners.</p> <p><i>Pat Piro, Cooperative Education Teacher, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB and Aaron Gorka, Business Development Specialist, Maple Reinders</i></p>
10:00 – 10:15am 10h00 à 10h15	<b>BREAK PAUSE</b>



<b>10:15 – 11:15pm</b> <b>10h15 à 11h15</b>	<b>SESSION B WORKSHOPS</b> <b>ATELIERS DE SESSION B</b>
<b>B1</b>	<p>« FORMER L'AVENIR » - COMPRENDRE LA VOIE VERS LES MÉTIERS SPÉCIALISÉS « PAJO »</p> <p>Le Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (PAJO) ouvre la porte aux élèves pour explorer les métiers.</p> <p>Cet atelier permet de mieux comprendre le programme afin de mieux guider et appuyer les élèves dans ces possibilités de carrière enrichissante!!!</p> <p><b><i>Debbie Callan, Enseignante en éducation coopérative, CSC Mon-Avenir</i></b></p>
<b>B2</b>	<p><b>OYAP 1-2-3: ENGAGING STUDENTS IN APPRENTICESHIPS</b></p> <p>The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) has 1-2-3 levels of opportunities for students to explore careers and get started on their apprenticeships. This energetic workshop will remodel your thinking, build up your understanding, and rev your Cooperative Education engine to help your students on their road to success!</p> <p><b><i>Joachim Vallentin, OYAP Recruiter, Hamilton-Wentworth DSB</i></b></p>
<b>B3</b>	<p><b>HEALTH AND SAFETY: EVERYTHING A CO-OP TEACHER NEEDS TO KNOW. REALLY!</b>  <b><i>(Note: this workshop will be repeated in Session D3)</i></b></p> <p>Live Safe and Work Smart! The reputation continues – supporting Co-op teachers with high quality, policy-based, easy to use, classroom-friendly and Co-op relevant workplace safety information and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We'll focus on your responsibilities for keeping students safe under the EDU Co-op document, what the document requires YOU to know (and don't need to know!) and specific pre-placement workplace safety knowledge your students must have – and how to roll that into student safety education and stress-free student certification.</li> <li>• We'll also discuss Placement Assessment – simplifying it and keeping it relevant while ensuring the safest possible experience for your students.</li> <li>• Tips, advice, liability matters and learning from over 20 years of working with Co-op teachers helping them with workplace safety – it's all here and about supporting you!</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Sue Boychuk, Former Ontario Ministry of Labour Young Worker Health, and Safety Manager &amp; Ministry Safety Inspector; Creator: Live Safe! Work Smart!; Cooperative Education Safety Specialist. <a href="http://www.sueboychuk.com">www.sueboychuk.com</a></i></b></p>
<b>B4</b>	<p><b>AI/CHAT GPT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION!</b>  <b><i>(Note: this workshop will be repeated in Session D2)</i></b></p> <p>This workshop will explore the use of AI in education and highlighting how students and teachers are leveraging technologies to make work easier. Participants will gain insights into the benefits and challenges of integrating AI into the learning process through interactive discussions and practical examples. Please note: This description was written by Artificial Intelligence!</p> <p><b><i>Kari Peters, ACL Student Success, SHSM Lead Teacher/Guidance Counsellor, Toronto DSB</i></b></p>
<b>B5</b>	<p><b>CHATTERHIGH 101: EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH CAREER EXPLORATION AND PREPARATION, FINANCIAL LITERACY, MENTAL HEALTH, AND MORE!</b></p> <p>Discover how schools in Ontario and across Canada are using ChatterHigh's free, gamified platform to engage grades 6-12 students in career exploration, financial literacy, mental health, climate action, and life-skills learning. Using the same tool that was proven by the Canadian Career Development Foundation to increase student awareness of career and post-secondary options, ChatterHigh gets students actively exploring resources, information, and post-secondary services. Partnering organizations and institutions include the MLPAO, OACETT, OACFP, OYAP, and more. In addition to</p>



	<p>sharing research findings and testimonials from teachers and students, this session will focus on online learning as an opportunity to build student confidence and hope for life after high school.</p> <p><b>Zoé Robichaud, School Support Coordinator, ChatterHigh</b></p>
<p><b>11:15 – 12:00pm</b> 11h15 à 12h00</p>	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <b>DÉJEUNER</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 – 1:00pm</b> 12h00 à 13h00</p>	<p><b>SESSION C WORKSHOPS</b> <b>ATELIERS DE SESSION C</b></p>
<p><b>C1</b></p>	<p><b>NOUVELLE RESSOURCE: COMPOSANTE SCOLAIRE EN COOP: L'INTEGRATION DES EXPÉRIENCES D'APPRENTISSAGE EN ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE</b></p> <p><i>Cet atelier permettra aux participantes et aux participants d'explorer la nouvelle ressource créée par l'AÉCO pour l'intégration d'apprentissage en éducation coopérative. La ressource vise à remplacer et mettre à jour la ressource de 2004, conçue avant le nouveau curriculum en éducation coopérative. Pendant l'atelier, les enseignantes et enseignants pourront faire une mise en commun de leurs pratiques réussies, créer des liens entre les besoins des leurs élèves et les composantes scolaires du programme tout en se familiarisant avec les activités proposées.</i></p> <p><b>Roman Nowak, Enseignant en éducation coopérative, Directeur général - français de l'AÉCO, Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien</b></p>
<p><b>C2</b></p>	<p><b>CO-OP CLASSROOM COMPONENT: PRE-PLACEMENT LESSON PLANS FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION 2023©</b></p> <p>This NEWest resource is for OCEA members only. Workshop participants will get an understanding of how this NEWest resource could support their own 3C's: Co-op Classroom Component as students prepare for their Co-op placement in the community (Strand A: Health, Safety, Well Being and Initial Requirements).</p> <p><b>Pat Piro, Cooperative Education Teacher, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB</b></p>
<p><b>C3</b></p>	<p><b>LIABILITY &amp; RISK MANAGEMENT FOR CO-OP EDUCATION PROGRAMS (OSBIE)</b> <i>(Note: this is a repeat of Session A3)</i></p> <p>Attention Cooperative Education Teachers! – This session will provide an overview of the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) liability insurance coverage and risk management strategies for Cooperative Education programs. Who should attend? Any school board employee with connections to Cooperative Education.</p> <p><b>Julie Welsh, Risk Manager, Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)</b></p>
<p><b>C4</b></p>	<p><b>ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND LEGAL ISSUES for Co-op, OYAP, and other Forms of Experiential Learning (a two-section OCEA Resource)</b></p> <p>1. <b>The ETHICAL GUIDELINES</b> section was re-developed in 2021 to assist teachers by providing ideas to consider as they make critical decisions when students are involved in learning opportunities connected to communities outside the regular classroom. In addition, this document is intended to provide teachers with a resource that assists in solving problems and making decisions, stimulate teachers' thinking about their actions or the implications of their inaction, provide the impetus for reflecting on one's professional practices.</p> <p>2. <b>The LEGAL ISSUES</b> section was re-developed in 2022 and provides case studies that relate to a variety of legal issues that educators involved with the implementation of Co-op and/or experiential learning opportunities may encounter. For each case study, references are made where applicable to legislation and additional resources for discussion.</p> <p><b>Barbara Omland, Cooperative Education Teacher, Upper Grand DSB and Jenny Garrett, Cooperative Education Teacher, Dufferin-Peel CDSB</b></p>



<p><b>C5</b></p>	<p><b>APPRENTICESearch.COM: CREATING SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN SKILLED TRADES</b></p> <p>Learn how ApprenticeSearch.com staff, programs and additional supports can be used and accessed to help young people explore, pursue and navigate the skilled trades pathways, apprenticeship training and other forms of experiential learning and skills development.</p> <p>We will also offer insights and updates on our partnership with the Ministry of Education and Skills Ontario called Pathways to Skills Success. This project work is focused on collaborating with school boards, employers and community stakeholders to explore and promote ways to enhance Cooperative Education placements and help students transition into meaningful post-secondary careers in the trades. Sharing your local strategies and successes to promote Co-op placement during this session is welcomed and encouraged.</p> <p><b><i>Michelle Murray, Director of Operations, ApprenticeSearch.com and Robert De Rubeis, Education Liaison, ApprenticeSearch.com</i></b></p>
<p><b>1:00 – 1:15pm</b> <b>13h00 à 13h15</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b> <b>PAUSE</b></p>
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<p><b>D1</b></p>	<p><b>BUILDING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE FOR STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM AND WORKPLACE</b></p> <p>The Empowerment Project (TEP) designs science-based mindfulness programs throughout Ontario. We provide research and insights for individuals to build their foundation of success whether in the classroom or a workplace setting.</p> <p>This presentation uses neuroscience as the foundation and focuses on building individual emotional intelligence-self-awareness, behaviour management, relationship building and compassion &amp; empathy, by implementing easy to use tools and techniques.</p> <p>We understand the current challenges many teachers are facing with students whether at school or in their Co-op placement. Our goal for CO-OP/SHSM students is to help build their confidence so they have a positive experience in all future workplaces. We are a longtime SHSM certification provider for students as well as a resource for staff and parent presentations.</p> <p><b><i>Dr. Shar Rai and Andrea Bosco, Founders, The Empowerment Project (TEP)</i></b></p>
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D4	<p><b>DESIGNING FOR SUCCESS 2020 (OCEA Resource)</b></p> <p>This resource document replaces “Designing for Success 2009”, to incorporate the new policy and curriculum expectations presented in “The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12: Cooperative Education, 2018”. Principals, Cooperative Education and other Experiential Learning teachers and board level educators will find this resource useful as a guideline for their own programs. School boards will also find this resource document helpful when establishing policies and procedures for the ever-expanding forms of Experiential Learning being offered across Ontario.</p> <p><b>Barbara Omland, Cooperative Education Teacher, Upper Grand DSB/OCEA Past-Chair and Rebecca Gauthier, Cooperative Education Teacher, Rainbow DSB</b></p>
D5	<p><b>A COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PLAYBOOK: PERSPECTIVES FROM COOPERATIVE EDUCATION STUDENTS</b></p> <p>This workshop is designed to familiarize Co-op teachers with a resourceful playbook that encapsulates effective practices for a Co-op student who starts in a new workplace. Following the workshop, attendees will receive complimentary access to this valuable book. Authored collectively by Co-op students, supervisors, and teachers, the book serves as a practical guide or playbook for new Co-op students, offering them insights and strategies as they embark on their initial Co-op workplace experiences.</p> <p><b>Jessica Scott, Director, York Region Educational Services and Kevin Lin, Director, York Region Educational Services</b></p>
2:15 – 2:30pm 14h15 à 14h30	<b>CLOSING REMARKS AND SYMPOSIUM WRAP-UP / REMARQUES FINALES ET CONCLUSION DU SYMPOSIUM</b>
2:30 – 3:30pm 14h30 à 15h30	<b>INAUGURAL COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL BOARD LEADS MEETING / RÉUNION INAUGURALE DU CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE L'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE</b>
E1	<p><b>COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL BOARD COORDINATORS MEETING</b></p> <p>Cooperative Education School Board Coordinators are asked to remain after the Symposium closing to discuss potential quarterly meetings with OCEA during the 2024-25 school year. Bring your questions, concerns and issues. This is your opportunity to speak with colleagues about challenges you are facing. Tell us how OCEA can provide future support!</p> <p><b>RÉUNION DES COORDINATRICES / COORDINATEURS DES CONSEILS SCOLAIRES DE L'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE</b></p> <p>Les responsables des conseils d'éducation coopérative sont invités à rester après la clôture du symposium pour discuter des réunions trimestrielles avec l'ÂÉCO au cours de l'année scolaire 2024-25. Apportez vos questions, vos préoccupations et vos problèmes. C'est l'occasion de parler avec des collègues des défis auxquels vous êtes confrontés. Dites-nous comment l'ÂÉCO peut vous aider à l'avenir!</p> <p><b>Hosts: Julia VanderWeerden, OCEA Director-at-Large, English and/et Roman Nowak, Directeur général de l'ÂÉCO, français</b></p>

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