

Highlights from our 2024 OCEA Spring Conference



A huge thank you to all those that attended / participated in our recent **2024 OCEA Spring Conference: Cooperative Education: It's Working!** which was held on April 14th-15th-16th, 2024 at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale in Mississauga! This year's focus was providing information and resources for NEW(er) to Cooperative Education teachers.

Attendance at our **2024 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 **281 delegates** (breakdown by attendance: Full Conference: 154, Sunday and Monday: 13, Monday and Tuesday: 114) attending **52 workshops** (including 3 keynotes), with **over 54 workshop presenters** (24 not registered, but attended just to present!), **3 sponsors** and **15 exhibitors**.

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

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.

**Keep watching our website and your inbox for details on our upcoming
2024 Virtual OCEA Fall Symposium (November 7, 2024).
The planning has just begun!**

-  [B2 Co-op Classroom Component - newest OCEA Resource 2023 \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [B4 CO-OP PROMOTION AND JOB SKILLS PROGRAMS \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [B5 Working With Multiple Adult Learner Personas to Empower Outcomes \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [C "SKILLS ONTARIO" - 2024 OCEA SPRING CONFERENCE \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D1 PAJO 101 \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D2 - E2 Utilizing STEM to Support Transitions etc Gr. 8 \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D4 Empowering Women in the Skilled Trades \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D4 RESOURCES \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D5 MTEL Upcoming New Look and Features \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D6 A Co-op Playbook - Perspectives from Co-op Students \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [D8 OSBIE - Liability and Risk Management \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [E1 OGAPE - Nouveau Look etc \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [E3 OYAP 1-2-3 Engaging Students in Apprenticeships \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [E4 OSBIE - Liability and Risk Management \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [E7 Designing for Success presentation \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [F5 AI-Chat GPT and Co-op \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [F6 Employment Scams-Street Proof you Students \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [F7 Bootcamp for OYAP Students \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [G2 Apprenticeship 101 \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [G6 Help Your Students Create ATS Compatible Resumes \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [G7 Overview Ethical Guidelines and Legal Issues \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [G8 The Benefits of Delayed Career Specialization \[Members Only \]](#)
-  [H5 AI - Supporting the Job Search Journey \[Members Only \]](#)



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ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

WHAT IS THE ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM?

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program 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.



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PROGRAMME D'APPRENTISSAGE POUR LES JEUNES DE L'ONTARIO (PAJO)

QU'EST-CE QUE LE PROGRAMME D'APPRENTISSAGE POUR LES JEUNES DE L'ONTARIO? Le Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (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://www.oyappajo.com/oyap/>

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SKILLS ONTARIO

Skills Ontario's mission statement is "to champion and stimulate the development of world-class technological and employability skills in Ontario youth."

Diversity, equity, and representation are top priorities for Skills Ontario. We are looking forward to continuing to work with communities across Ontario to ensure that we are providing equal opportunities for all youth and building a diverse and robust skilled workforce.

Who we are

We are committed to preparing Ontario's youth for the highly-skilled economy of tomorrow. We partner with school boards, colleges, small business, large companies, labour groups, and governments to provide opportunities for youth to explore and develop skills for successful careers in the skilled trades and technologies. With 30 years of experience, Skills Ontario is a province-wide organization with a grassroots connection into the many communities we serve. Our programs represent a long-term investment in the lives of all Ontarians.

What we do

Skills Ontario is building Ontario's skilled trades and technologies workforce. We enable and empower all youth to consider a career in the skilled trades and technologies. Engagement with students, teachers, parents, guardians, volunteers, and guest speakers ensure our programs connect education, experience, and employment. We deliver in-school presentations across Ontario, host Canada's largest skills competition, run summer camps for skills development and connect students to employers. We are focused on growth sectors such as construction and infrastructure, technology innovation, and hospitality services.



<https://www.skillsontario.com/>

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COMPÉTENCES ONTARIO

Compétences Ontario a pour mission de « promouvoir et stimuler le développement de compétences technologiques et favorisant l'employabilité de calibre mondial chez les jeunes ontariens. » La diversité, l'inclusion et la représentation sont des priorités absolues pour Compétences Ontario. Nous sommes heureux de pouvoir continuer à travailler avec les collectivités de l'Ontario pour nous assurer que nous offrons des chances égales à tous les jeunes et que nous bâtissons une main-d'œuvre qualifiée à la fois solide et diversifiée.

Qui sommes-nous

Nous nous engageons à préparer la jeunesse ontarienne à l'économie hautement qualifiée de demain. Nous nous associons à des conseils scolaires, des collèges, de petites entreprises, de grandes sociétés, des groupes syndicaux, et des gouvernements dans le but d'offrir aux jeunes la possibilité d'explorer et de développer les compétences nécessaires à des carrières fructueuses dans le domaine des métiers spécialisés et des technologies. Comptant 29 années d'expérience, Compétences Ontario est un organisme provincial qui a développé des liens étroits avec les nombreuses communautés desservies. Nos programmes constituent un investissement à long terme dans la vie de tous les Ontariens.

Ce que nous faisons

Compétences Ontario bâtit la main-d'œuvre de l'Ontario dans le domaine des métiers spécialisés et des technologies. Nous habilitons et encourageons tous les jeunes, y compris les femmes et les jeunes Premières Nations, Métis, et Inuit (PNMI), à considérer une carrière dans le domaine des métiers spécialisés et des technologies. Notre engagement auprès des élèves, des enseignants, des parents, des bénévoles, des employeurs et des mentors fait en sorte que nos programmes permettent de créer des liens entre l'éducation, l'expérience et l'emploi. Nous effectuons des présentations dans les écoles à travers l'Ontario, organisons le plus grand concours des métiers spécialisés au Canada, offrons des camps d'été axés sur le perfectionnement des compétences et qui mettent les élèves en relation avec les employeurs. Nous mettons l'accent sur les secteurs en croissance tels que la construction et l'infrastructure, la technologie et l'innovation, et les services d'accueil.



<https://www.skillsontario.com/>

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to this Year's
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Exhibitors

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Merci
aux exposants
de la
conférence de
cette année



APPRENTICESEARCH.COM

Join ApprenticeSearch.com to learn about their partnership with the Ministry of Education and Skills Ontario to create Skilled Trades School Board and Employer Regional Networks and build the infrastructure to support and expand successful cooperative education placement opportunities for students in the skilled trades. Don't miss this chance to actively participate in the project's consultation process. Join us in shaping the future of skilled trades education and career pathways.



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<https://www.apprenticesearch.com/>

CHATTERHIGH COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Ready-to-use, free, gamified online activities for students in grades 6-12. Examples include the career exploration quiz and courses for mental health & wellness, and Federal "Learn About Your Taxes", "Money Management & Budgeting" and "Insurance Literacy and Me" courses. Schools and students have raised over \$500,000 competing in national competitions. Learn how to participate!



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<https://chatterhigh.com/>

CONESTOGA COLLEGE

Conestoga College is a leader in polytechnic education, and one of Ontario's largest providers of trades and apprenticeship training. The college delivers a comprehensive range of post-secondary and traditional apprenticeship training programs for the industrial, manufacturing, service, and construction trades. As skilled labour shortages become increasingly widespread across the province, Conestoga is focused on modernizing apprenticeship and skilled trades training by consolidating and expanding the college's full complement of trades programs at a single campus.

Conestoga's new Skilled Trades Campus, located in Cambridge, is a modern facility that will help raise the profile of the skilled trades and attract a broader, more diverse student population.



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DISCOVER YEAR

Discover Year is a structured and purposeful gap year program that helps young adults build essential career and life skills. We emphasize the development of self-confidence, self-awareness, resilience, and interpersonal skills such as communication, emotional intelligence, and collaboration. We integrate the following components to help students take action, foster open-mindedness and live according to their authentic selves: - Essential Job and Life Skills workshops - Career Coaching - Mentorship - Work - Travel - Community Service



<https://discoveryear.ca/>

EDGE FACTOR INC.

Discover how you can use the power of storytelling to inspire students to explore pathways, prepare for success, and connect to local opportunities as they move forward in their career journey! Edge Factor equips CO-OP, SHSM, OYAP, Dual Credit, Guidance and K-12 educators with personalized libraries of story-driven media and interactive experiences. Learn how you can meet your objectives and connect curriculums and career development learning to real life. (Free and Premium resources available).



<https://edgefactor.com>



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EduTravel is a wholly Ontario owned and operated tour provider, founded on the concept of experiential learning. Our trips take a comprehensive approach to enriching curriculum content, giving students an opportunity to grow and develop valuable skills.



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<https://thisisclass.com/>

THE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

The Empowerment Project is a science-based mindfulness program running a variety of workshops & seminars for workplaces, schools, and parents. Our programs are practical and presented in a way that individuals can relate and utilize in any aspect of life. The foundation of our training is emotional intelligence where mindfulness techniques are utilized to build these important skills. Working extensively in corporate and educational facilities for a combined 20 years, we have compiled knowledge from our own training, as well as extensive research that focuses on enhancing our personal and professional lives.



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

HOUR REPUBLIC

Students and teachers are drowning in paperwork and require the tools and resources to be efficient.

Hour Republic allows students and teachers to track and manage Co-op forms, learning plans, hours, and activities online with e-signatures and much more.



<https://hourrepublic.com/>

MTEL

A Unique Platform with Infinite Possibilities! mtel.ca Would you like to save time and become more efficient in managing your experiential learning programs? The application Management Tool for Experiential Learning (MTEL) is 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. Reach us at mtel@lecentrefranco.ca/



www.mtel.ca

OGAPE

Une plateforme unique et efficace pour tout gérer! ogape.ca 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) 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. Contactez-nous à ogape@lecentrefranco.ca.



www.ogape.ca

MYBLUEPRINT

myBlueprint Education Planner is an online education platform designed to support students across Canada from education to career, offering tools for career exploration, goal-setting, and academic planning.

Through personalized assessments and resources, students can discover their interests, strengths, and potential career paths. The platform also facilitates collaboration between students, educators, and parents, fostering a supportive learning environment for lifelong success.



myBlueprint

<https://myblueprint.ca/>

MYBLUEPRINT

Le planificateur d'éducation myBlueprint est une plateforme en ligne conçue pour soutenir les élèves à travers le Canada, de l'éducation à la carrière. Il offre des outils pour l'exploration de carrière, la définition d'objectifs et la planification académique. Grâce à des évaluations personnalisées et des ressources, les élèves peuvent découvrir leurs intérêts, leurs forces et les parcours professionnels potentiels. La plateforme facilite également la collaboration entre les élèves, les éducateurs et les parents, favorisant un environnement d'apprentissage solidaire pour le succès tout au long de la vie.



myBlueprint

<https://myblueprint.ca/>

NATIONAL DEFENSE - ARMY RESERVE - 32 Canadian Brigade

Successful applicants to the Army Reserve Co-op program will become serving members of the Canadian Forces. 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

NIAGARA COLLEGE

Niagara College offers more than 130 innovative programs between our campuses in Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Together our campuses provide unique living laboratories and top-notch facilities that deliver hands-on applied learning opportunities; world-class applied research; and smaller class sizes in an intimate and friendly environment.

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ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) offers students an opportunity to explore a skilled trade and begin an apprenticeship while completing credits towards an OSSD. OYAP students can begin at the age of 15 with a minimum of 14 credits – but some workplaces will require a student to be 16.



<https://oyap.com>

PROGRAMME D'APPRENTISSAGE POUR LES JEUNES DE L'ONTARIO (PAJO)

Le Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (PAJO) facilite la transition entre l'école et le travail. Il permet aux élèves d'explorer un métier spécialisé tout en accumulant des crédits pour l'obtention du Diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario (DÉSO). On peut débuter dès que l'on a 15 ans et accumulé 14 crédits. Certains milieux de travail nécessite cependant d'avoir 16 ans.



<https://oyap.com>

PUBLIC SERVICES HEALTH & SAFETY ASSOCIATION

Public Services Health & Safety Association works with Ontario's public sector employers and workers providing training, consulting and resources to reduce and prevent occupational injuries and illnesses. PSHSA staff help ensure that more workers go home at the end of their day and stay healthier in chosen workplaces or sectors.



Public Services Health
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PSHSA.ca

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SKILLED TRADES ONTARIO

Skilled Trades Ontario is an agency of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development responsible for apprenticeship and skilled trades certification in Ontario. It was established through the Building Opportunities in the Skilled Trades Act, 2021. We are committed to making it easier for skilled trades professionals to access services, promoting careers in the skilled trades and addressing the labour shortage. We want to make Ontario the place where skilled trades professionals thrive. Skilled Trades Ontario is responsible for trades certification in Ontario, including:

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



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spécialisés**
Ontario

www.skilledtradesontario.ca

MÉTIERS SPÉCIALISÉS ONTARIO

Métiers spécialisés Ontario est un organisme du ministère du Travail, de l'Immigration, de la Formation et du Développement des compétences chargé des programmes d'apprentissage et de la certification des métiers spécialisés en Ontario. Il a été mis sur pied en vertu de la Loi de 2021 ouvrant des perspectives dans les métiers spécialisés. Nous nous engageons à faciliter l'accès aux services destinés aux professionnels des métiers spécialisés, à mettre de l'avant les carrières du secteur et à pallier la pénurie de main-d'œuvre. Nous souhaitons promouvoir l'Ontario comme l'endroit idéal où prospérer en tant que professionnel(le) des métiers spécialisés. Métiers spécialisés Ontario est responsable de la certification des métiers en Ontario, y compris : • La mise en place de programmes d'apprentissage, y compris les normes de formation, les normes du programme d'études et les examens de certification; • L'évaluation de l'expérience et des qualifications des personnes n'ayant pas suivi de programme d'apprentissage en Ontario; • La délivrance de certificats de qualification dans tous les métiers assortis d'un examen de certification; • Le renouvellement des certificats de qualification en ce qui concerne les métiers à accréditation obligatoire; • Le maintien d'un registre public répertoriant les personnes qui exercent un métier à accréditation obligatoire; • La réalisation de recherches sur l'apprentissage et les métiers.

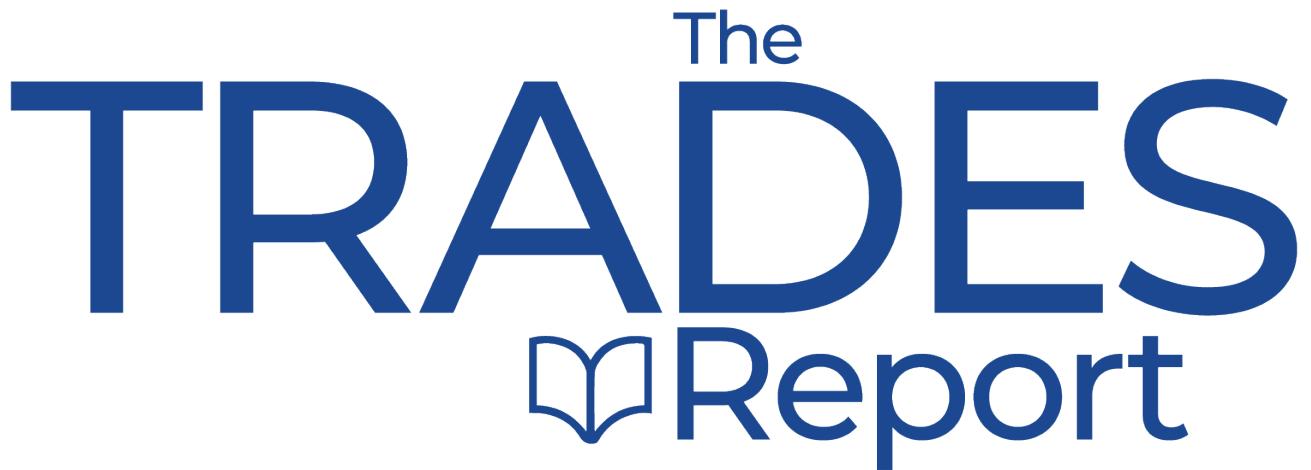


www.skilledtradesontario.ca

TRADES REPORT, THE

The Trades Report is a digital resource, available in both English and French, designed to assist Ontario schools in promoting awareness of careers in the skilled trades/apprenticeship pathway.

The newsletter features opportunities for underserved groups such as Black youth, Indigenous youth, and others. Our materials align with the Ministry's priorities of increasing understanding of the skilled trades and the benefits of a career in skilled trades. Currently, our clients include over forty Ontario school boards.



<https://seekingscholarships.com/the-trades-report>

LE RAPPORT SUR LES MÉTIERS

Le rapport sur les métiers spécialisés est une ressource numérique, disponible en anglais et en français, conçue pour aider les écoles de l'Ontario à faire connaître les carrières dans les métiers spécialisés et les filières d'apprentissage. Le bulletin d'information présente les possibilités qui sont offertes aux groupes mal desservis, notamment les jeunes Noirs et les jeunes Autochtones. Notre contenu s'inscrit dans les priorités du ministère, à savoir mieux faire connaître les métiers spécialisés et les avantages d'une carrière dans ce domaine. Actuellement, nous comptons parmi nos clients plus de quarante conseils scolaires en Ontario.



Le rapport sur les **MÉTIERS SPÉCIALISÉS**

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