



Cooperative Education & Other Forms of Experiential Learning

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Registration Deadline April 8!

2024 OCEA Spring Conference

Cooperative Education: It's Working

Hilton Mississauga / Meadowvale

6750 Mississauga Road
Mississauga, ON L5N 2L3
April 14, 15, 16, 2024

KEY DATES

Extended! Hotel Reservation for Conference:

Book by March 25th, 2024

<https://oceacon.ca/events/spring-conference/>

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Applications

Applications accepted until April 1, 2024

<https://oceacon.ca/events/spring-conference/>

2024 OCEA Elections-Call for Nominations

There are positions opened for the Board of Directors and Provincial Representatives

Nominations are due April 9, 2024.

<https://oceacon.ca/about/elections/>

Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

Sunday, April 14th, 2024, from 11:30am-1:00pm at the 2024 OCEA Spring Conference.

FOR STATUTORY OCEA MEMBERS ONLY

Cooperative Education: It's Working!

We're thrilled to announce the upcoming **2024 OCEA Spring Conference** themed **Cooperative Education: It's Working!**, where we'll be celebrating the undeniable success of cooperative education in shaping career pathways. Here's a sneak peek into what this theme means for us.

The theme underscores the effectiveness of cooperative education programs in bridging the gap between education and industry. Cooperative education is a proven method for career preparation.

Cooperative education emphasizes practical application, learning by doing. The hands-on experience allows students to cultivate essential skills, and knowledge and directly apply it in the workplace.

Cooperative education sets the stage for students to enter the workforce with confidence and competence through programs such as OYAP and SHSM and other forms of experiential learning.

Cooperative education requires continuous evolution and improvement. The conference theme, **It's Working!** recognizes the need for continuous evolution. OCEA and the 2024 Spring Conference provides you as educators the opportunity to stay abreast of industry trends and refining education approaches to better serve students' career aspirations and your own professional growth. We will be also showcasing excellence among individuals that have diligently and enthusiastically promoted Cooperative Education during the OCEA Professional Awards Ceremony at the Spring Conference.

Join us on April 14th, 15th, 16th at the 2024 OCEA Spring Conference to connect with other delegates and exhibitors across Ontario to hear how Cooperative Education: It's Working!

Conference Registration Fee Assistance

Need direction in obtaining CONFERENCE FUNDING (How do I get funding?) for your conference registration fee, please follow this link:

<https://oceacon.ca/events/spring-conference/>

NEW Employers Section on our Website in the Resources Area!

Are you an Ontario EMPLOYER that is interested in having a high school Cooperative Education student in your workplace? If so, please follow the link above for further information on how to apply.



**ONTARIO COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (OCEA)
ASSOCIATION DE L'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE DE L'ONTARIO (AÉCO)**

Notice to: All Current STATUTORY OCEA Members

Re: 2024 OCEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM) *FOR STATUTORY OCEA MEMBERS ONLY*

Date: April 14, 2024

SUNDAY – APRIL 14, 2024

11:00AM: REGISTRATION

11:30AM-1:00PM

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM)

FOR STATUTORY OCEA MEMBERS ONLY

All STATUTORY members are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Full participation in the association is encouraged and needed for the health of our professional organization. For more information on membership with OCEA, please visit our website at <https://oceacon.ca/> and look under the heading “MEMBERSHIPS” on our home page.

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Attendance at the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2024 (ABM) is vital so that we can approve our operating budget, vote on motions, and elect members to the board. All of this allows us to keep our vibrant association front and centre during Ministry initiatives.

Your Association, OCEA, strives to encourage teachers involved in Cooperative Education and all other forms of Experiential Learning from both our French and English school boards to collaborate and share their knowledge and experiences with other educators around our great province.

Networking is key to a vibrant association, and we strongly encourage all Statutory OCEA Members to consider taking an active role and becoming involved in OCEA - YOUR ASSOCIATION!

The 2024 OCEA Spring Conference begins right after the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

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GOOD LIFE SUMMIT

MAY 9, 2024

Spark inspiring discussion in your classroom and help your students understand how to create a 'Good Life'

Overview:

At the Good Life Summit, students will connect and learn from professionals from different walks of life to kick start their journey to living a more meaningful and fulfilling life. Discussion topics include:



Strong personal relationships



The pursuit of fulfilling work




Meaningful play and hobbies



Travel and exploration

 Thursday, May 9, 2024

 **SESSION 1:** 8:30–11:00am ET
SESSION 2: 12:30–3:00pm ET

 Online via Zoom

Session Schedule:

- Welcome (15 mins)
- Introduction of Mentors (10 mins)
- Breakout #1 (50 mins)
 - Interactive Q&A with 3 Mentors
- Break (15 mins)
- Breakout #2 (50 mins)
 - Interactive Q&A with 3 Mentors
- Conclusion (5 mins)

[**REGISTER NOW!**](#)

Audience:

Grade 10–12 students in the following courses:

- Civics/Careers
- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Healthy & Active Living
- SHSM program

[Explore curriculum expectations](#)

Outcomes:

- ★ Explore the factors that contribute to a fulfilling life and career
- ★ Connect with and learn from professionals from diverse fields
- ★ Understand the most important skills for success in work and life
- ★ Discover that the path to “success” is not always linear

Mentors:

Our Mentors are diverse professionals from across industries, including entrepreneurs, authors, psychotherapists, firefighters, CEOs, educators, athletes, and more!

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RESOURCES:

- The latest report from the [Career Development in 2040](#) research project identifies how the career development sector, advocacy organizations and policymakers need to prepare for the future of work in 2040 and beyond. [Free webinar March 4](#)
- A new teaching toolkit, [Exploring Possibilities! Journeying Through Career-Related Learning in Grades 4–6](#), helps elementary educators understand how their teaching practices develop foundational career-related skills. [Free webinar March 22](#)
- [Practice Principles](#), a follow-up to *Career Theories and Models at Work*, provides theory-informed principles for everyday application by career practitioners, serving as a “go-to” guide, for effective career interventions. [Free webinar March 25](#)
- For the first time ever, [Hidden Sector, Hidden Talent: Mapping Canada’s Career Development Sector](#) reveals the full scope of the people and systems providing career services and supports to Canadians, creating an evidence base for the sector. [Free webinar April 19](#)
- [Supporting the Integration of Refugees with Little Formal Education](#) recommends strategies to help refugees – especially those with lower levels of education – integrate into the workforce. It is currently available in French and an English version will be available this spring.
- The revamped [Canadian Career Development Researcher Database](#) is a searchable online resource of who is doing what research in Canada. It features 201 researchers across the country and 50+ areas of research interest.
- Resource launch announcement <https://mailchi.mp/ceric.ca/launching-today-new-reports-publications-researcher-database-from-ceric?e=b5b4fe7623>
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