

# ONTARIO'S COLLEGES

## *Producing a more highly qualified workforce*

Established more than 50 years ago, Ontario's colleges are pivotal to the province's efforts to close the growing skills gap.

Ontario's colleges offer 900 programs that prepare students for today's most in-demand careers. These include careers in business, health care, the skilled trades, digital animation, game development, biotechnology and much more.

Developed in close consultation with business and industry leaders throughout the province, the career-specific programs at colleges put Ontario at the forefront of the emerging economy. Students acquire the cutting-edge expertise to make meaningful contributions in a work world revolutionized by artificial intelligence, robotics and innovations in the ways companies do business.

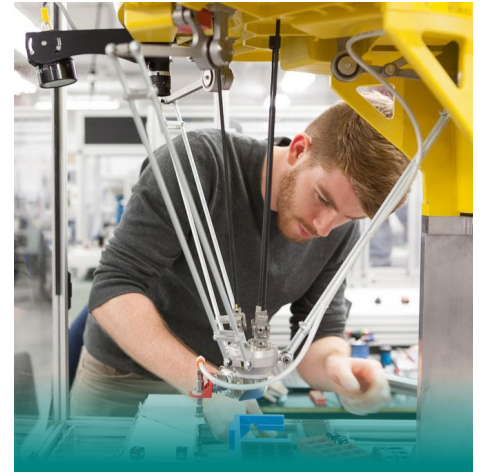
College education continues to be affordable and highly accessible, offering a full range of credentials from diplomas to career-specific honours degrees and post-graduate certificates. Colleges deliver 85 per cent of the in-class portion of the province's apprenticeship training.

*Ontario's colleges are pivotal to the province's long-term prosperity and to ensuring more people secure well-paying and fulfilling careers.*

More than 245,000 full-time students and about 300,000 part-time students are enrolled in Ontario's colleges and the student population mirrors the diversity of the population. Colleges have strong supports to help the province's most vulnerable students and retraining programs to help unemployed people make the successful transition to new careers.

College graduates have achieved phenomenal success in every sector, within Ontario and throughout the world.

Prominent and influential graduates include **Ron Suter**, an executive vice-president at NBCUniversal; **Mark Saunders**, the chief of police in Toronto; **Marc Ciara**, the former CEO of Tim Hortons; **Marianne Walker**, the president and CEO of Guelph General Hospital; **Chameli Naraine**, the president and CEO of Symcor; and **Dina Pugliese**, the co-host of Breakfast Television.



### KEY FACTS ABOUT COLLEGES

- More than 83 per cent of college graduates find employment within six months of graduation.
- The number of university graduates enrolled in colleges has increased 40 per cent over the past five years.
- The OECD says Canada leads the world in post-secondary attainment rates because of the access to college education.



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