

POST-  
SECONDARY

PLANNING

GRADE 12

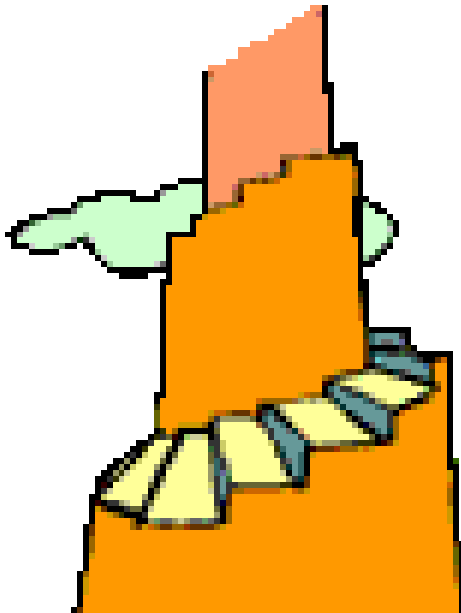
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# Graduation Requirements

You are responsible to make sure you have the following compulsory credits for graduation: Students must have a minimum of 18 credits.

- 3 English
- 2 Math
- 2 Science
- 2 Technology
- 1 Physical Education Credit
- 1 Canadian History content course
- Fine Arts credit
- Global His 12/Geo 12
- 5 Grade 12 credits
- 9 Immersion Credits for those in Immersion Program

# Steps in Career Planning



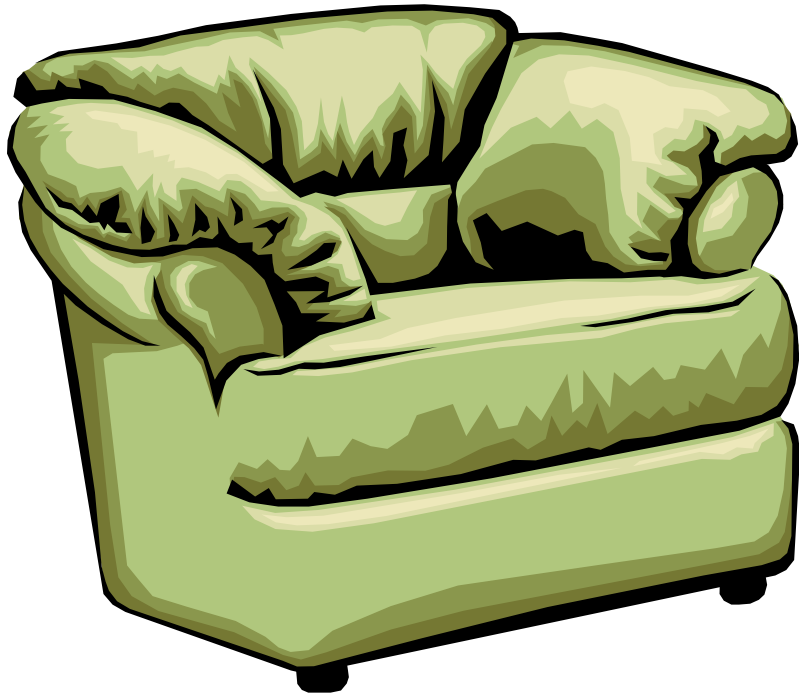
- Self-assessment
- Career awareness
- Finding a match between self and careers
- Occupational trends
- Post-secondary awareness
- Decision making
- Follow through

# Communicating Information



- Announcements
- Scholarship binder
- Remind App
- Classroom visits

# NEED HELP



- See your guidance counsellor to set an appointment to discuss options
- Complete an updated My Blueprint to look at interests, skills, and find careers that match your personality.

## Options after High School

- University/College
- Paid/Volunteer Work
- Private school
- Apprenticeship
- Travel
- Upgrading
- Military



# Career Expo

- Occurs on October 3rd (9-10am)
- Reps from about 50+ post-secondary institutions.
- Come prepared with questions
- Use time to visit several booths
- Collect and save materials



# Application Process



- Application for Atlantic universities and colleges usually begin in Feb. Students can apply earlier if marks permit.
- NSCC apply now \*\*\*
- Ontario universities require earlier applications. Deadlines vary with universities...some in December/January
- Transcripts can now be released electronically to local universities and NSCC by providing your student number on your application.



# Admission Information

- Students must check to see that they meet the admission requirements and deadlines of universities/colleges of interest.
- Students will be assessed based on first semester marks and/or grade 11 marks for early admission (80-85%).
- Most institutions require a fee to process applications i.e. \$45-70
- Most prefer an on-line version for faster processing
- For those students interested in residence a separate application is usually required .

# Scholarships



- Community based scholarships that arrive throughout year
- Entrance scholarships (Deadlines)
- J L scholarship
- Internet options  
[Scholartree.ca](http://Scholartree.ca)  
[Scholarshipscanada.com](http://Scholarshipscanada.com)
- Parent work scholarships
- Involvement is important as marks for winning scholarships i.e. community and school involvement
- Bursaries/scholarships for visible minorities, students with disabilities are also available.

# Student Loans

- Are meant to supplement income
- Not all students are eligible for full amount
- Students can qualify for non-repayable grants
- Student Line of Credit another option to subsidize education
- Students must apply on-line
- Students don't apply until late May/June
- Processing time takes from 4-6 weeks
- Website:  
[novascotia.ca/studentassistance](http://novascotia.ca/studentassistance)

# APPRENTICESHIP

- On-the-job training
- Graduate must find employer
- 2000 hours = 1 year of training
- Apprentices earn 40-90% of journeyperson while training
- Only certain trades have apprenticeship options (60+)
- For more information:  
[nsapprenticeship.ca/](http://nsapprenticeship.ca/)



# Nova Scotia Community College

- 80% of HS students feel they will go to university, 50% will
- 16 campuses across Nova Scotia
- 20,000 students
- Over 130 program options
- Programs suitable for all types of students
- Nova Scotia is experiencing a shortage of skilled workers
- Articulation Agreements



# Private Career Colleges



- A business that offers occupational training
- Colleges must be registered to obtain financial aid.
- Often have less stringent admission requirements but tuition maybe more expensive
- Nova Scotia has over 40 registered private colleges

# Coop/Internship programs



- Allow students to get job experience while they learn in post-secondary environments.
- Allow students to subsidize education
- Allow students to make valuable connections with employers
- Allow students to have a more detailed resume

# Students with Disabilities

- If your child has a disability: learning, developmental, psychiatric, attentional, physical, or sensory (anxiety, ADHD, depression, epilepsy...etc) they may qualify for special grants and/or services at their post-secondary institution
- Students should indicate on their applications and on student loan forms that they have a disability
- Medical verification by a GP or specialist is usually required
- Grants and services include: tutoring, notetaking, assistive technology, computers, etc.



# You are now an Adult

- If you decide to pursue post-secondary studies, the institutions will communicate directly with you. According to privacy laws, no information can be released to parents/guardians without the written consent of the student... regardless of who is paying the fees

# University Requirements: Halifax

Typical requirements for several post-secondary programs (all courses are at the grade 12 level)

- Bachelor of Arts – *English plus 4 other academic courses*
- Bachelor of Science – *English, Pre-Calculus, two Sciences (Chem, Bio, Physics) plus one other academic course*



# University Requirements: Halifax

- Bachelor of Engineering – English, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Physics plus 1 other academic course
- Bachelor of Computer Science – English, Pre-Calculus plus 3 other academic courses
- Bachelor of Nursing – English, Math, Chemistry, Biology plus 1 other academic courses
- Bachelor of Commerce – English, Mathematics (in some cases, Pre-Calculus) plus 3 other academic courses
- Not all course coded as academic will be accepted by every university – please check

# Decision-Making

- Follow your heart
- Decide what your important values are
- Prioritize
- Research options
- Talk to people in the field
- Job shadow
- Talk to employers
- Take advantage of MyBlueprint



# How to choose an Institution?

- Attend the post-secondary expo
- Get your feet on campus
- Attend school presentations
- Attend Open Houses
- Talk to students who currently attend
- Assess scholarship offers
- Go with your gut... follow your instinct... ....what place feels like the right fit...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Post-Secondary Expo JL Ilsley:** October 3rd 9-10
- **Saint Mary's University:** Open Houses: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dalhousie University:** Open House: October 20<sup>th</sup> (Halifax)
- **Mount Saint Vincent University:** Open House: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Kings University:** Open House: Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>
- **NSCC** Open House: October 18<sup>th</sup>
- **SFX University:** Open House: October 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Mount Allison:** Open House: Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Holland College:** Campus Tour Day 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Military Open House:** Sept 29 Willow Park
- **IWK Career Fair:** Nov. 14 9-12
- **Acadia University:** Open House: Oct 19 and November 2<sup>nd</sup>



# Remind App

- Text: 587-316-2969
- Message the following:
- @23f3dd