

College Foundations (COLF) Ontario College Certificate

PART-TIME

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to apply?

Part-time students must apply to this program through ontariocolleges.ca
Use the code COLX.

When can I start the program?

Intakes: September

How many courses do I take?

Full program details can be viewed on the [Program Outline](#).

Graduation requirements

4 Program Courses

5 Program Option Courses

2 General Education Courses

1 Communications Course

Why should I take this program?

College Foundations is a one-year Ontario College Certificate designed for students seeking access to a broad range of college programs. As a student in this program, you can determine your academic goals and career pathways by selecting courses from a variety of vocationally specific programs. Additionally, you develop critical thinking skills and apply success strategies to support your academic and career development. As a student in this program, you gain skills and credits for transfer into further vocational post-secondary study or prepare to enter the workplace.

Available courses may include:

- Business, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship – accounting, marketing, advertising, HR, organizational behaviour, and professional skills.
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Culinary Arts – hotel and restaurant operations, food and beverage, and sustainable travel.
- Technology, Programming, and Cybersecurity – computer applications, networking, Linux systems, game development, and cybersecurity.
- Design, Engineering, and Trades – graphic and digital design, architecture, drafting/CAD, construction, and electrical practices.
- Health, Social Services, and Community Studies – health sciences, fitness, early childhood education, social services, law enforcement, and recreation.

Are courses delivered in the evening? Online?

Part-time students enrolled in the College Foundations Certificate take courses along with the full-time students. There are no courses specifically scheduled in the evening. Most courses are delivered on campus. Some courses can be taken online, like COMM1016 Communications Essentials and General Education courses. Students cannot complete this program online. Some courses require students to attend classes on campus.

How do I know which courses to take?

We have set a schedule up for you – review the [DELIVERY SCHEDULE](#) posted on the program page:

Study College Foundations part-time

Ontario College Certificate

Explore a variety of courses. Discover your strengths and find your passion! Develop skills for success. Be ready for employment or further your studies.

Please refer to the [College Foundations program page](#) for all of the main details, including admissions requirements.



On this page:

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2026-2027 program outline

2025-2026 outline (PDF)

Program outline archive

Delivery schedule

Information package

The course sequencing on the Delivery Schedule has been set by the Program Coordinator. In your first semester of study, we have recommended you take LIBA1000 and LIBA1001 as they will best serve student learning as initial classes. This prepares students for success in subsequent semesters and exploratory option courses.

What is the cost of the program?

There is no program fee when studying part-time. As a part-time student, you can take 1, 2 or 3 courses at a time in any given semester. Payment is per course, as you register.

The course fees change year-to-year and course to course. The best source for accurate fees is to check the [College Foundations](#) webpage.

Click on
Course name
to view fees
and schedule

Course information

Course offerings and equivalents
Currently available courses are linked below. Please see our course listings of available [General Education](#) and [Communications](#) courses for this program.

Course title	Course code	OntarioLearn equivalents
College Exploration	LIBA 1001	
Communication Essentials	COMM 1016	Communications 1 (ODE)
Critical and Creative Thinking	LIBA 1002	
Learning Strategies	LIBA 1000	
Social Change in Action	LIBA 1003	

Each course listed links to course sections with fees:

Communication Essentials

COMM 1016

Course description

In this foundational course, students develop core skills for effective communication across interpersonal, academic, and professional settings. Through continuous development and application of practical skills, students learn to compose audience-centred messages in written, spoken, and visual formats. They analyze communication to identify arguments, perspectives, biases, and task requirements. Emphasis is placed on creating original content using credible sources, applying ethical research practices, and integrating proper documentation and citation. Students also develop tech literacy skills by using digital communication tools responsibly and effectively to support communication tasks. Students work both independently and collaboratively to achieve the course learning outcomes

Credits

3

Course Hours

42

Students registering for credit courses for the first time must declare a program at the point of registration. Declaring a program does not necessarily mean students must complete a program, individual courses may be taken for skill improvement and upgrading.

For more information, please [contact Continuing Education](#)

Available Courses

Unless stated, the course fee does NOT include the textbook(s). Not all courses have required textbooks. See [registration dates](#) for courses that are not yet open.

▼ **Communication Essentials - COMM 1016**
Monday, May 4, 2026
OPEN

COMMUNICATION ESSENTIALS - COMM 1016

Fee: \$344.4

Course registration number: 30150

Start: Monday, May 4, 2026

End: Friday, Aug. 14, 2026

Class times

Days	Times	Building - Room
		Online

Campus: Barrie

NOTE: Most course sections and fees for this program show during the Part-time Credit registration (add/drop) period only. This date can be found on our website: [IMPORTANT DATES](#)

Are there additional fees?

The College Foundations program is dedicated to providing zero-cost traditional commercial textbooks to students whenever possible. When commercial textbooks are required, the Library ensures that copies are available on Course Reserve for student access. The student-selected program option courses may require students to purchase textbooks and/or other materials.

Are part-time students eligible for OSAP?

Part-time students MAY be eligible – this is individual and based usually on number of courses you take per semester. For more information, visit our [Financial Aid](#) page.

Can I transfer credits/use prior learning?

The Credit for Prior Learning centre assists with:

- Transferring courses completed at another accredited institution which may be eligible for transfer towards your education at Georgian.
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) – students can challenge course requirements based on relevant work or life skills and knowledge gained.

More information on the above options as well as the processes to apply for exemptions, visit the [Credit for Prior Learning webpage](#).

If you have taken courses at Georgian in the past and they qualify for this program, they will automatically apply to your credential. You will see these courses in MyPath.

Questions? Connect with us!

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