Pre-Apprenticeship 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there funding while I am enrolling in the program?
Your tuition, books, and equipment are paid for by the program. For funding while you’re in school, you may be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI). Please check Service Canada website for more information on EI and other funding eligibility. There is also Indigenous funding for eligible candidates; please reach out to Jennifer Linklater at Jennifer.linklater@georgiancollege.ca for more details.

What are the program eligibility criteria?
You must have a high school diploma with grade 12 math (applied or advanced) and either a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Residence.

Am I able to apply while waiting for my high school diploma?
Absolutely.

How much of the program is onsite and online?
This program is 100% on campus and onsite.

I’ve been out of school for so long. Would this affect my eligibility? Do I need to repeat my math?
If you have your high school diploma and grade 12 math, you don’t need to repeat. Your high school should have a copy of your transcript. If the high school no longer exists, you can obtain the transcript from the school board.

I completed upgrading courses at Georgian College. Who should I contact to obtain my upgrading report?
The Registrar Office has a record of your courses. They can be reached via email or phone: registrar@georgiancollege.ca, 705-722-1511.

I am a couple of credits away from obtaining my high school diploma, or I don’t have my grade 12 math. What should I do?
There are upgrading courses at night. YMCA offers services to help students bridging the gap. Please visit their website for more detail https://ymcaowensound.on.ca/Employment-Education-Training/?pageid=23

I have my post-secondary courses in addition to my high school diploma. Will this affect my eligibility?
No. We encourage you to apply.

I have my high school diploma in a different country. Would this affect my eligibility?
A high school diploma in a different country is acceptable. If it’s not in English or French, it will need to be translated.

**What are other options if I’m not successful?**
Because we can only accept 21 candidates to the program, you are encouraged to apply for CUSW apprenticeship if you meet some of the requirements, such as grade 11 Physics, Biology, and Chemistry, and grade 12 Math. We encourage you to re-apply next year for the pre-apprenticeship program at Owen Sound.

**When would I know if I have been considered?**
You will be notified in April on the status of your application. If you are successful during the screening process, we will notify candidates with interview dates and time for which you have the flexibility to pick the available time and date as a fist come first serve basis. We will also notify unsuccessful candidates, and, depending on the assessment, we may suggest pathways to further assist you.

**What does it mean once you are completed the program and an indentured apprentice?**
Once you completed the program, you will be signed up with CUSW and the Ministry as a registered 309A Electrical Apprentice to begin your apprenticeship.

**What is the traveling expectation during and after placement?**
During the placement, we aim to keep students within the region. Having a reliable transportation is critical to the success of the program. After being indentured, apprentices are encouraged to travel where the needs are. Hydro One offers travelling allowances for far distance job sites.

**What does the Bruce Power security clearance entail?**
The initial security clearance during the application process consists of candidates filling out a form from CSIS requiring 2 IDs, such as passport and driver’s license. There is a more thorough security clearance search upon acceptance into the program which Bruce Power will guide students through this process.