

# Understanding College Program Types

## Certificate Programs

**1**  
YEAR

Fast-track your career in one year! These certificate programs equip you with essential skills and knowledge in just two semesters, perfect for quickly and efficiently entering the workforce.

## Diploma Programs

**2-3**  
YEARS

Dive into a two-year diploma program and gain comprehensive expertise and hands-on experience. Advance further with a three-year advanced diploma, mastering your craft and positioning yourself as an industry leader.

## Degree Programs

**3-4**  
YEARS

Achieve academic excellence with these college degree programs! Blending theory and practical skills, these three or four-year programs prepare you for real-world challenges, ensuring you graduate with a deep understanding of your field and the ability to excel in the workforce.

## Collaborative Degree Programs

**4**  
YEAR

Double the resources and credentials for less overall cost than a university degree! These collaborative degree programs let you study at both a college and a university, often earning a diploma and degree credential to maximize your qualifications and career prospects.

## Graduate Certificate Programs

**1**  
YEAR

Already have a degree, diploma, or certificate? Level up with a one-year graduate certificate program! Specialize further, sharpening your skills and boosting your career potential with advanced, targeted training.

# Advantages to **College Pathways**

Ontario colleges offer multiple pathways to help any learner achieve their goal.

## **Flexible learning paths**

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Choose from broad or focused programs that build confidence and set a strong foundation for future specialization.

## **Preparation program**

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A general or prep program at an Ontario college can take you from discovering your passion to career-ready.

## **College degree programs**

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A new way to earn a degree with hands-on learning and smaller class sizes.

## **Transfer opportunities**

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With over 800,000 credit transfer options (including college to university), your college education can adapt with you.

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