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## WORKPLACE SPOTLIGHT

**Starling Community Services** (formerly Lutherwood) is a free community social service organization that strengthens people's lives by providing mental health, employment, and housing services.

If you are a student who is entering into the workforce please visit

**Starling Employment Services:**

<https://starlingcs.ca/employment>

to learn more about job supports that they offer such as creating a resume, preparing for interviews or exploring career opportunities.

## APPRENTICESHIPS AND THE SKILLED TRADES

**What is an apprenticeship?** A pathway to a career in the trades. As an apprentice, you take classes and learn your trade by working under the direction of experienced workers (while getting paid).

To learn more:

<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>

Come to **GRCI's PATHWAY NIGHT** on Thurs. Jan. 30, 2025, 6-8pm  
Learn about Skilled Trades, College, University, Workplace, SHSM, Scholarships, and myBlueprint

## ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

**Are you a high school student who might be interested in the trades?**

Take Co-op!

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) allows a Co-op student after gr.10 to begin to learn a skilled trade while completing the requirements for a high school diploma.

Click here for more info:

[https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/oyap\\_home/](https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/oyap_home/)

## CONNECT WITH US

Want to chat about your students future??  
Give us a call 519-576-5100 or send us an email [grci-guidance@wrdsb.ca](mailto:grci-guidance@wrdsb.ca)

**TIP TO KEEP YOU INFORMED**  
Check out the GRCI guidance website for more info!  
[grc.wrdsb.ca/academics/guidance](http://grc.wrdsb.ca/academics/guidance)

## SHSM

### Specialist High Skills Major

GRCI offers 6 SHSM programs:

- Business
- Hospitality
- Manufacturing
- Non-Profit
- Sport
- Transportation

Receive sector certifications, coop experience, and go on cool field trips

\*Open to Grade 11 and 12 Students  
See your guidance counselor to sign up

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Literacy Test for Gr 11/12 Previously Eligible</b>	Wed Nov 27 & Thurs. Nov 28
<b>Grade 8 Information Night</b>	Wed. Dec 4, 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Gr. 11 Skilled Trades Ontario Speaker</b>	Thurs. Dec 5, Period B
<b>Gr. 11 IPP's</b>	Dec. 9-12, Period A
<b>University Application Deadline</b>	Wed. Jan 15, 2025
<b>Pathways Night @ GRCI</b>	Thurs. Jan 30, 2025, 6:00-8:00pm
<b>College Application Due</b>	Sat. Feb 1, 2025

## The UNIVERSITY Pathway

Are you looking to Apply to University?  
<https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

Are you looking for University Info?  
<https://www.ouinfo.ca/universities/>

The deadline to apply is January 15, 2025

There are plenty of opportunities to visit Universities:  
<https://www.ouinfo.ca/universities/events>



## Check out the COLLEGE Pathway

- Colleges offer:
- \*certificates
  - \*diplomas
  - \*advanced diplomas
  - \*3 year degrees
  - \*4 year honours degrees

To research or apply to college go to: [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

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