



GRAND RIVER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

# NAVIGATING YOUR PATHWAY

MOVING FROM GRADE 10 TO GRADE 11

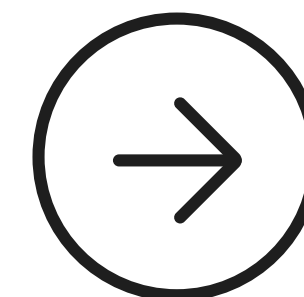
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# WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY:



- What are my pathway options?
- High school program options
- Grade 11 Requirements
- What do I need?
- Course Selection with your counsellor



# ACTIVITY: WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB?

In one minute, think of your dream job and interests. Then, turn to the person next to you and share what excites you most about it.

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# WHAT'S A PATHWAY?

It's a way of achieving a specified result; a course of action.

Applied to the work or profession you train for and grow into over time, we refer to pathway as the way to achieve your career goals.

Careers are shaped by your skills, experiences, and learning in a field you're interested in.

Some are straightforward, while others change as your interests, goals, and skills evolve.





# WHAT ARE MY PATHWAY OPTIONS?

APPRENTICESHIP

*Earn  
while you  
learn!*

COLLEGE

*Certificates,  
Diplomas  
and  
Degrees*

WORKPLACE

*On the job  
training*

UNIVERSITY

*Degrees*





# APPRENTICESHIPS

RESOURCES:  
[skilledtradesontario.ca](https://skilledtradesontario.ca)  
[apprenticesearch.com](https://apprenticesearch.com)

Links



STEP 1: \*

*Find a  
Sponsor  
(Employer)*

STEP 2: \*

*Your employer  
registers you with  
the Ministry of  
Advanced  
Education & Skills  
Development*

STEP 3: \*

*Accumulate the  
required # of  
working hours for  
your  
apprenticeship  
level*

STEP 4: \*

*Attend college  
for the theory  
training once you  
have the  
required work  
hours complete*

\*ENG4CI, MAP4CI & SPH4CI are strongly recommended



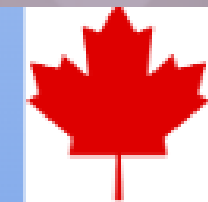
# 144 SKILLED TRADES IN ONTARIO

## MOTIVE POWER

- ✳ Agricultural Equipment Technician
- ▲ Alignment and Brakes Technician
- ▲✳ Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer
- ▲ Auto Body Repairer
- ▲ Automotive Electronic Accessory Technician
- ▲ Automotive Glass Technician
- ✳ Automotive Painter
- ▲✳ Automotive Service Technician
- ✳ Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Marine Engine Technician
- Motive Power Machinist
- ▲✳ Motorcycle Technician
- Powered Lift Truck Technician
- ✳ Recreation Vehicle Technician
- Small Engine Technician
- ▲✳ Transmission Technician
- ▲✳ Truck and Coach Technician
- ▲✳ Truck-Trailer Service Technician
- Turf Equipment Technician

Restricted

or  
Compulsory  
trade



Red Seal

## SERVICE

- Aboriginal Child Development Practitioner
- Agricultural — Dairy Herdsperson
- Agricultural — Fruit Grower
- Agricultural — Swine Herdsperson
- ✳ Appliance Service Technician
- Arborist
- Assistant Cook
- Baker
- ✳ Baker-Pâtissier
- Chef
- Child and Youth Worker
- Child Development Practitioner
- ✳ Cook
- Developmental Services Worker
- Educational Assistant
- Electronic Service Technician
- Gemsetter/Goldsmith
- ▲✳ Hairstylist
- Horse Groom
- Horse Harness Maker
- ✳ Horticultural Technician
- ✳ Information Technology — Contact Centre Customer Service Agent
- Information Technology — Contact Centre Sales Agent
- Information Technology — Contact Centre Technical Support Agent
- Information Technology — Hardware Technician
- Information Technology — Network Technician
- Institutional Cook
- Micro Electronics Manufacturer
- Native Clothing and Crafts Artisan
- Network Cabling Specialist
- ✳ Parts Technician
- ✳ Retail Meat Cutter
- Saddlery
- Special Events Coordinator
- Utility Arborist

## CONSTRUCTION

- ✳ Architectural Glass and Metal Technician
- ✳ Brick and Stone Mason
- ✳ Cement (Concrete) Finisher
- Concrete Pump Operator
- ✳ Construction Boilermaker
- ✳ Construction Craft Worker
- Construction Millwright
- ✳ Drywall Finisher and Plasterer
- ✳ Drywall, Acoustic and Lathing Applicator
- ▲✳ Electrician — Construction and Maintenance
- ▲ Electrician — Domestic and Rural
- Exterior Insulated Finish Systems Mechanic
- ✳ Floor Covering Installer
- ✳ General Carpenter
- Hazardous Materials Worker
- ✳ Heat and Frost Insulator
- ✳ Heavy Equipment Operator — Dozer
- ✳ Heavy Equipment Operator — Excavator
- ✳ Heavy Equipment Operator — Tractor Loader Backhoe
- ▲✳ Hoisting Engineer — Mobile Crane Operator 1
- ▲✳ Hoisting Engineer — Mobile Crane Operator 2
- ▲✳ Hoisting Engineer — Tower Crane Operator
- ✳ Ironworker — Generalist
- ✳ Ironworker — Structural and Ornamental
- Native Residential Construction Worker
- ✳ Painter and Decorator — Commercial and Residential
- Painter and Decorator — Industrial
- ▲✳ Plumber
- ✳ Powerline Technician
- Precast Concrete Erector
- Precast Concrete Finisher
- Refractory Mason
- ▲✳ Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- ✳ Reinforcing Rodworker
- ▲ Residential (Low Rise) Sheet Metal Installer
- ▲ Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- Restoration Mason
- ✳ Roofer
- ▲✳ Sheet Metal Worker
- ▲✳ Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer
- ▲✳ Steamfitter
- ✳ Terrazzo, Tile and Marble Setter

## INDUSTRIAL

- Bearings Mechanic
- Blacksmith
- ✳ Cabinetmaker
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Programmer
- Die Designer
- Draftsperson — Mechanical
- Draftsperson — Plastic Mould Design
- Draftsperson — Tool and Die Design
- ✳ Electric Motor System Technician
- Electrician (Signal Maintenance)
- Elevating Devices Mechanic
- Entertainment Industry Power Technician
- Facilities Mechanic
- ✳ General Machinist
- Hydraulic/Pneumatic Mechanic
- ✳ Industrial Electrician
- ✳ Industrial Mechanic Millwright
- ✳ Instrumentation and Control Technician
- Light Rail Overhead Contact Systems Linesperson
- Locksmith
- Machine Tool Builder and Integrator
- ✳ Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
- Mould Designer
- Mould Maker
- Mould or Die Finisher
- Optics Technician (Lens and Prism Maker)
- Packaging Machine Mechanic
- Pattern Maker
- Pressure Systems Welder
- Process Operator — Food Manufacturing
- Process Operator — Power
- Process Operator — Refinery, Chemical and Liquid Processes
- Process Operator — Wood Products
- Railway Car Technician
- Relay and Instrumentation Technician
- Saw Filer/Fitter
- Surface Blaster
- Surface Mount Assembler
- Thin Film Technician
- Tool and Cutter Grinder
- ✳ Tool and Die Maker
- Tool and Gauge Inspector
- Tool/Tooling Maker
- Tractor-Trailer Commercial Driver
- Water Well Driller
- ✳ Welder



# DIPLOMA/ CERTIFICATE



**Ontario**  
Colleges

\*[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)\*

# COLLEGE

\* ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE ENG4CI

\* BUSINESS, SCIENCES & TRADES USUALLY  
REQUIRE MAP4CI

\* MOST SCIENCE PROGRAMS REQUIRE  
SBI3CI, SCH4CI, &/OR SPH4CI

\* ENGINEERING DIPLOMAS REQUIRE  
MCT4CI (PREREQUISITE IS MCF3MI)



# DEGREE



# COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY

[MYBLUEPRINT.CA](https://myblueprint.ca)

[OUINFO.CA](https://ouinfo.ca)

[ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA](https://ontariocolleges.ca)

[OUAC.ON.CA](https://ouac.on.ca)

ENG4UI is  
needed for  
ALL  
programs

you need 5  
additional  
Grade 12  
U/M courses

Engineering,  
Science and  
Business  
programs  
require  
MHF4UI &/or  
MCV4UI  
(prerequisite is  
MCR3UI)

Most Science &  
Engineering  
programs  
require at least  
2 out of 3 of  
the main  
sciences-  
SBI4UI,  
SCH4UI, or  
SPH4UI

IT IS YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY  
TO CHECK ALL  
DEGREE  
REQUIREMENTS



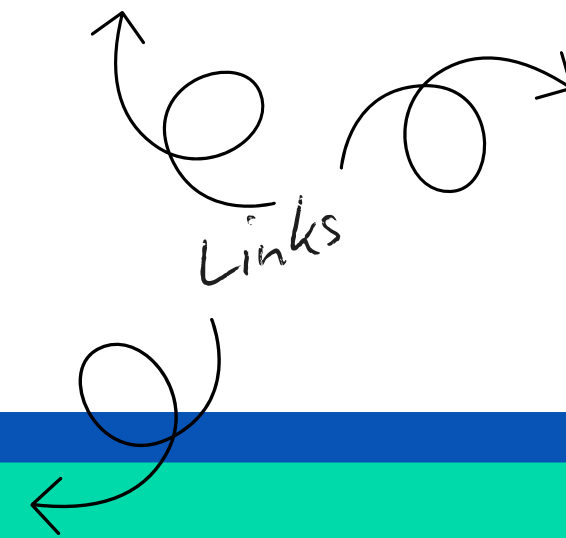




# WORKPLACE

[WORKOPOLIS.COM](http://WORKOPOLIS.COM)

[JOBBANK.GC.CA](http://JOBBANK.GC.CA)



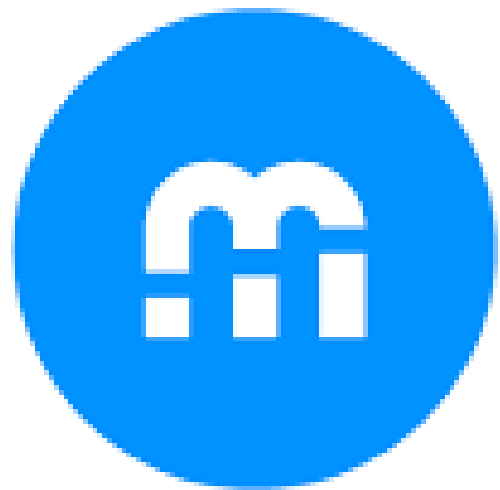
[INDEED.COM](http://INDEED.COM)

[STARLINGCS.CA/EMPLOYMENT](http://STARLINGCS.CA/EMPLOYMENT)





# MYBLUEPRINT: PLANNING YOUR PATHWAY



myBlueprint

[myblueprint.ca](https://myblueprint.ca)

Link  
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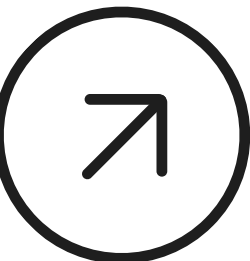
WHO AM I?



HIGH SCHOOL



POST-  
SECONDARY



WORK





# MOVING INTO PATHWAY COURSES

* GRADE 10		GRADE 11 *
DESTREAMED	➡	COLLEGE (C)
DESTREAMED	➡	UNIVERSITY (U)
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	➡	WORKPLACE (E)
OPEN	➡	OPEN (O)
DESTREAMED	➡	UNIVERSITY (U)/ COLLEGE (C)



# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

GRADE 9 - 12 COURSE SELECTION CALENDAR

DAY SCHOOL

CO-OP

ELEARNING

SHSM

SUMMER SCHOOL

DUAL CREDIT





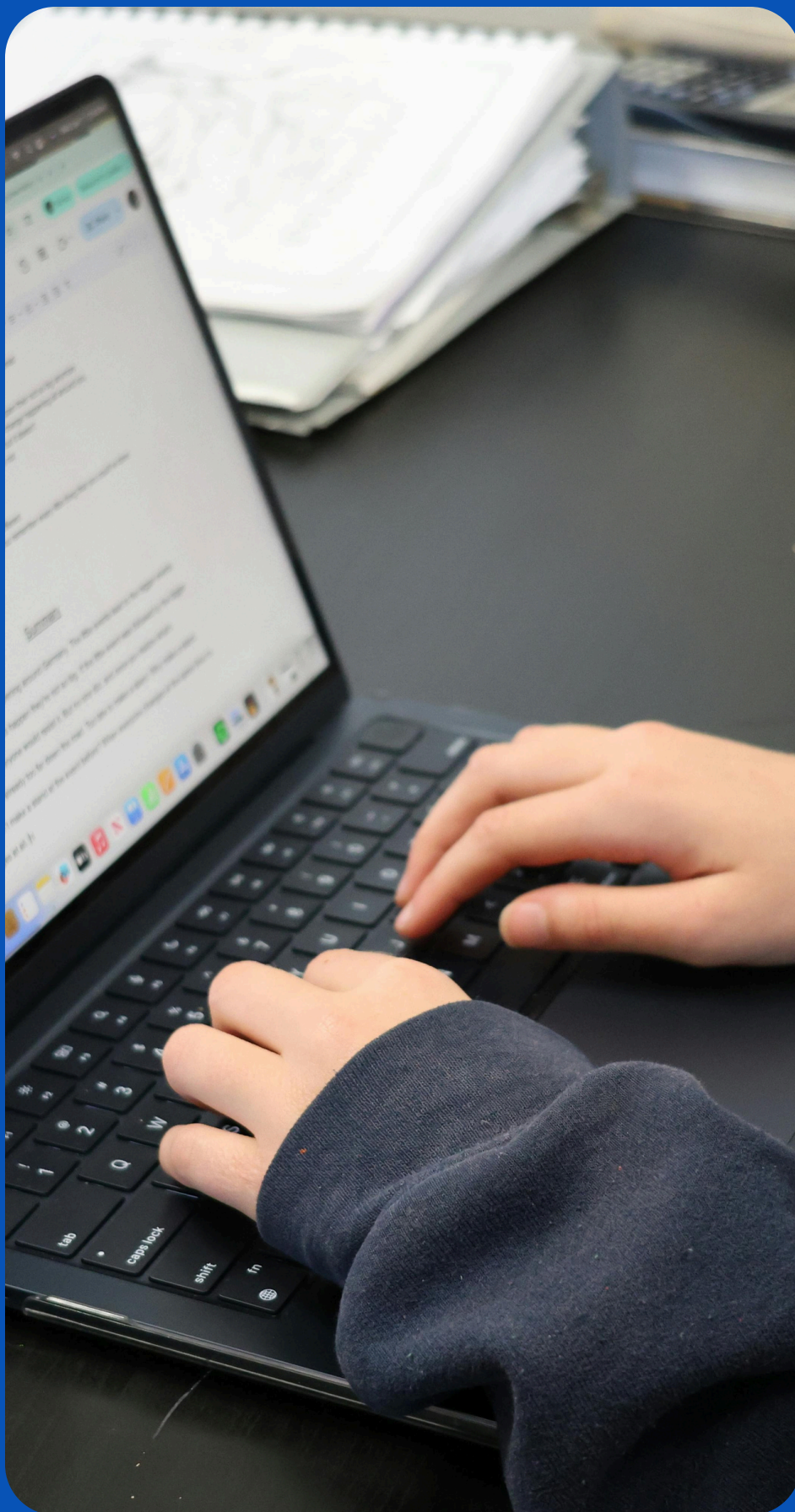
# CO-OP

- provides experience in the workplace
- DCO3OC is the course code
- 2 credit or 4 credit
- 4 credit is recommended for placement in the trades
- needed for SHSM



Link  [CLICK HERE FOR MORE  
COOP INFORMATION](#)





# ONLINE LEARNING REQUIREMENT

DIPLOMA  
REQUIREMENT  
*2 online courses*  
OR  
*have your  
guardian  
complete the  
opt-out form*

WHAT ARE  
ELEARNING COURSES?

*asynchronous  
students can  
attend school  
for access to  
the Internet*

WHAT ELEARNING  
COURSES ARE  
AVAILABLE?

*Check  
MyBlueprint  
under the  
discipline  
virtual  
eLearning*



# WHAT'S S.H.S.M.?

## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

\*earn a red seal on your diploma by completing:

1. A bundle of credits related to your sector
2. Two credits in coop
3. Free first aid/CPR and WHMIS training
4. Sector related certificates
5. Experiential Learning

BUSINESS

HOSPITALITY

ARTS &  
CULTURE (TBD)

NON-PROFIT

MANUFACTURING

TRANSPORTATION

SPORTS



# S.H.S.M. CONT'D

HOW DO I SEE IF I QUALIFY FOR SHSM?  
&  
HOW DO I SHOW I AM INTERESTED?

MyBlueprint SHSM  
PLANNER BESIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
PLAN

MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT  
WITH YOUR  
GUIDANCE  
COUNSELLOR



# DUAL CREDITS (GR.12)



CONESTOGA  
Connect Life and Learning

- \*Attend Conestoga College
- \*Earn at least 1 credit with the college AND 1 credit with GRCI

Link

[HTTPS://SCHOOLS.WRDSB.CA/  
PATHWAYS/DUAL\\_CREDIT/](https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/dual_credit/)



## DAY AWAY

- \*1 day per week
- \*for students pursuing studies in the listed areas

## EXPLORING THE TRADES

- \*1 day/week, pair with coop
- \*for students wanting to explore a trade at college

## C.A.P.P.

- \*full time for May & June
- \*student has some previous experience in the trade

## LEVEL 1 OYAP

- \*full time for May & June
- \*for students who have an apprenticeship in sem 2



SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR TO APPLY TO THIS PROGRAM AFTER YOU SUBMIT COURSE SELECTIONS





JUNE 29-JULY 24

# SUMMER SCHOOL

- CHOOSE BETWEEN IN PERSON OR ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE
- INPERSON - 8:30-3:00PM (LOCATION TBD)
- ASYNCHRONOUS - PLAN ON 6 HOURS PER DAY

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SUMMER COURSE OFFERINGS



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

HOW MANY HOURS  
DO I NEED?

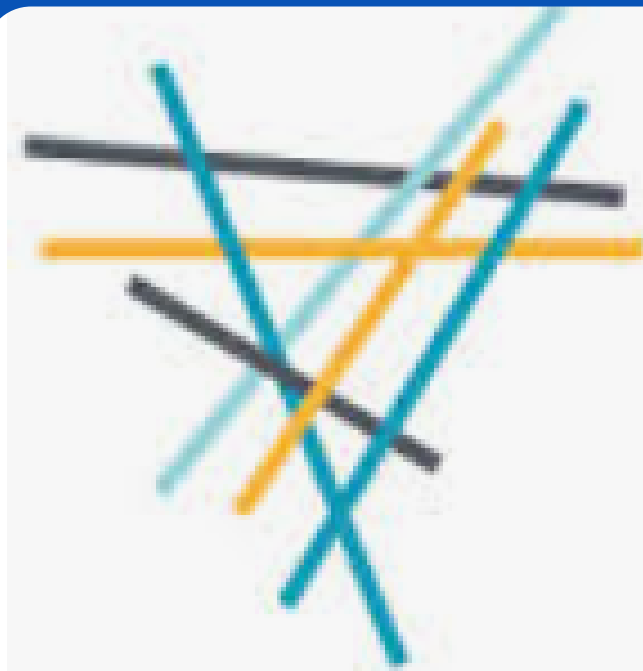
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[VOLUNTEERWR.CA](https://volunteerwr.ca)

Completed your  
hours?

- STEP 1: Go to the guidance google classroom for the class of 2028
- STEP 2: Click on Classwork
- STEP 3: Scroll down to Volunteer
- STEP 4: Click on Important Form
- STEP 5: Complete the form and submit



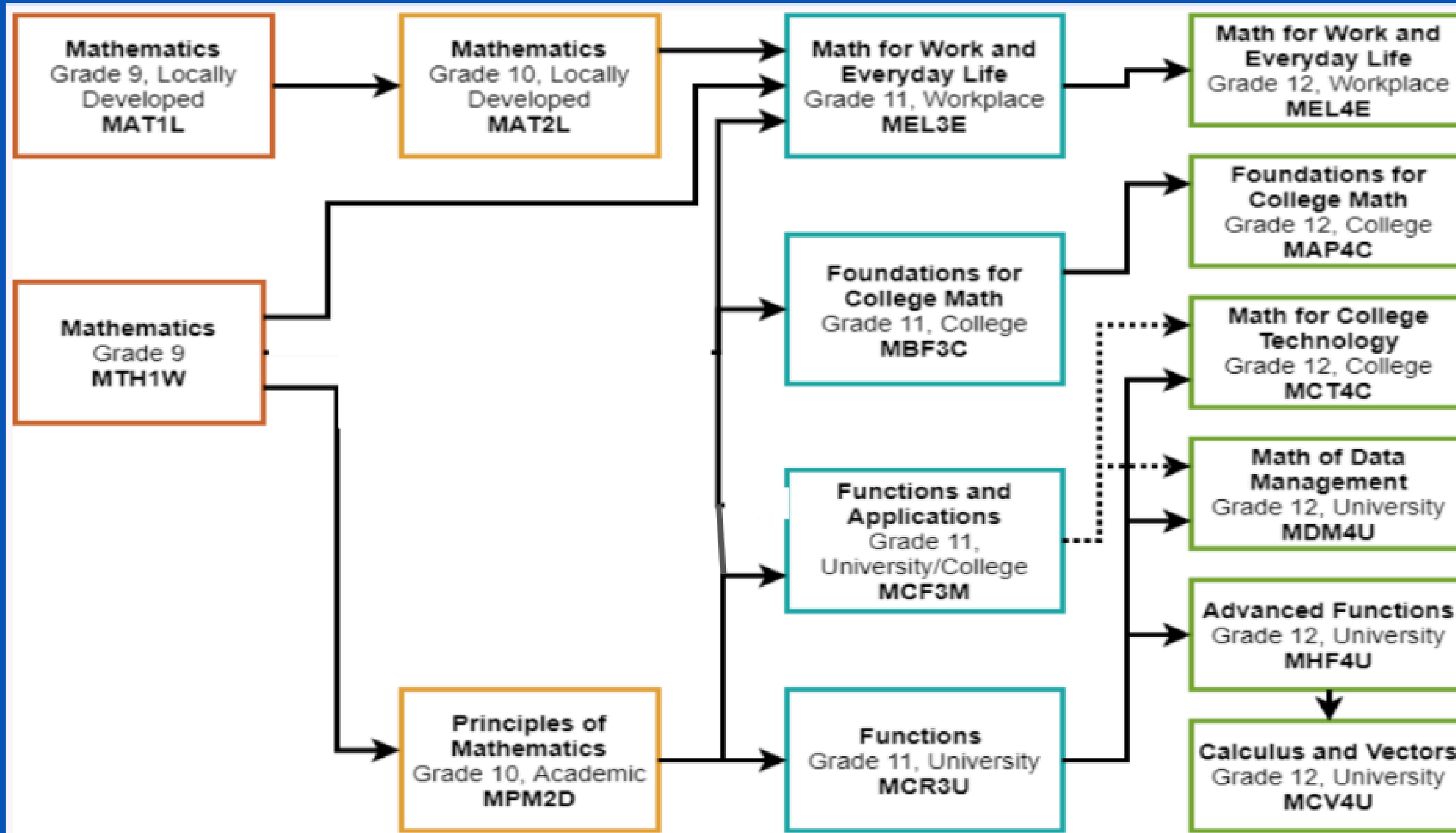
Volunteer  
WATERLOO REGION



# GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH		MATH
NBE3EI - WORKPLACE		MEL3EI - WORKPLACE
NBE3CI - COLLEGE		MBF3CI - COLLEGE
NBE3UI - UNIVERSITY		MCR3UI - UNIVERSITY
OLC4OB - FAST FORWARD		MCF3MI - MIXED

# GRADE 11 MATH EXPLAINED





# COURSE NOTES:

## NEW COURSE:

AMC30I  
Music for  
Creating

## INDIGENOUS STUDIES:

NDA3MI

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

IDC30X

## YEARBOOK:

IDC30I

# CHANGING COURSES

ONCE YOU SUBMIT YOUR COURSE SELECTION  
YOU MUST SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR  
TO MAKE ANY CHANGES

BEFORE the  
end of  
SEMESTER 2,  
June 24, 2026

1

the week BEFORE  
SCHOOL STARTS  
in September

2

CHOOSE  
WISELY!

You might not  
be able to  
change.  
Waitlists will be  
started.



# GRAD SUMMARY CHECKLIST:



What am I missing?

- \*Gr. 9/10 Tech credit?
- \*STEM credit?
- \*Phys Ed credit?
- \*Art credit?
- \*English?
- \*Math?



How many Volunteer Hours do I have?

- \*you need 40 hours
- \*complete this summer
- \*enter in the google classroom



Do I have my other requirements?

- \*2 online courses
- \*successful completion of the literacy test?



What pathway reflects my learning skills and goals?

- \*responsibility
- \*organization
- \*initiative
- \*self-regulation
- \*collaboration



Where am I headed?

- \*Apprenticeship (C, M, or U)
- \*Certificate (C)
- \*Degree (M or U)
- \*Diploma (C or M)

# MYBLUEPRINT COURSE SELECTION

FEBRUARY 9-23, 2026

STEP 1:

GO TO [MYBLUEPRINT.CA/WRDSB](https://myblueprint.ca/wrdsb)

Link

STEP 2:

*Examine your graduation summary & MyBlueprint to see what you are missing*





# KEEP INFORMED



GUIDANCE GOOGLE  
CLASSROOM FOR THE  
CLASS OF 2028:

**xmunvo**

\* VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

\* POST-SECONDARY  
INFORMATION

\* SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

\* COMMUNITY  
OPPORTUNITIES



## BREAKOUT SESSION

# BREAK OUT!

1. FIND YOUR COUNSELLOR IN THE CAFE
2. EXAMINE YOUR GRADUATION SUMMARY
3. ASK QUESTIONS
4. SELECT YOUR COURSES FOR GR. 11 2026-2027

**COURSE SELECTION  
CLOSES FEB. 23**

**SUBMIT YOUR COURSES &  
SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR  
GUARDIAN**

