

# ADULT: HOW TO APPLY TO UNIVERSITY 2025-26

## *Step 1: CHOOSING A PROGRAM AND UNIVERSITY*

[www.ouinfo.ca](http://www.ouinfo.ca) offers up to date information on all Ontario universities. The website provides detailed information on university programs, including policies on repeated courses, mature student status, course/mark prerequisites, and links to relevant sites such as OUAC (see below) and financial assistance (scholarships/OSAP).

## *Step 2: APPLY THROUGH OUAC*

University applications must be made through OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre). All applications are done on their website [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca).

**ADULT STUDENTS:** indicate BURNHAMTHORPE ADULT LEARNING CENTRE as your home school.

**EDVANCE STUDENTS:** indicate BURNHAMTHORPE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE as your home school.

Before applying you will need:

- \* To know the program(s) and the universities to which you want to apply.
- \* To know the university-specific admission deadlines (e.g. transcripts, portfolios, interviews etc.)
- \* A valid credit card.

**FEES:** The basic fee of \$156 allows you to apply to up to as many as three programs/universities. All additional choices are an extra \$50 each. You can apply to as many universities as you want but are limited to three choices per university (including affiliates). This fee is non-refundable.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** If you are a CURRENT student, you do not need to pay for transcripts from BALC or BCI.

- **ADULT STUDENTS:** Your transcript will not be automatically sent from the BALC to OUAC.
  - **After each quad**, you will need to put in a request to Guidance for your transcript to be sent to OUAC. It is important that you indicate your TDSB Student Number, full legal last name/family name, and given names. All requests are to be emailed to [kimberly.rosehart@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kimberly.rosehart@tdsb.on.ca)
- **EDVANCE STUDENTS:** both OCAS and OUAC will be updated with your marks at the end of each quadmester.

- Academic documents from Ontario **postsecondary institutions and previously attended high schools**, institutions can be requested by completing the transcript request form included in the application package for \$20/transcript.

NOTE: There are a number of items in the *Application Guide*, including a *How to Video* to assist in the application process, as well as *Resources* for further information.

If you need help, **phone** the OUAC applicant inquiries line at 1-519-823-1063 during regular office hours, **email** [undergradsup@ouac.on.ca](mailto:undergradsup@ouac.on.ca), or **ask in person** for a counsellor in Student Services.

## ADULT STUDENTS ONLY (over 21)

In addition to the basic fees as set out above, there is a variable supplementary fee charged by each university to assess documents. Note that the University of Toronto and Waterloo have extra ‘program specific’ fees that will be added to the total for certain programs like architecture and engineering.

The OUAC collects supplemental fees on behalf of the universities. 2025 fees for each:

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Algoma University.....                             | \$50  |
| Brock University.....                              | \$75  |
| Carleton University.....                           | \$85  |
| University of Guelph/Guelph-Humber .....           | \$95  |
| University of Guelph – Veterinary Medicine.....    | \$150 |
| Lakehead University.....                           | \$75  |
| Laurentian University.....                         | \$75  |
| McMaster University.....                           | \$95  |
| Nipissing University.....                          | \$80  |
| OCAD University .....                              | \$90  |
| Ontario Tech University.....                       | \$80  |
| University of Ottawa.....                          | \$92  |
| Queen’s University.....                            | \$95  |
| University of Toronto.....                         | \$96  |
| Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) | \$90  |
| Trent University.....                              | \$70  |
| University of Waterloo .....                       | \$90  |
| Western University.....                            | \$110 |
| Wilfrid Laurier University .....                   | \$95  |
| University of Windsor.....                         | \$75  |
| York University.....                               | \$90  |

**ADULT STUDENTS:** If you are applying ONLY to **York** University, you can apply directly on the York website the fee is \$130.

## *Step 3: UNIVERSITY RESPONSES*

Universities will email you acknowledging that they received your application and let you know next steps. If you do not receive an email from each selected university after 2 weeks, contact them **directly**. Include your **OUAC Reference Number** in all communication with the universities and on all supporting documents sent to the universities.. Respond to offers of admission by the deadline date the university included in the offer details.