



## Ottawa Technical Secondary School

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# Ottawa Technical Secondary School Credit Program - Trades and Experiential Learning

Ottawa Technical Secondary School offers Specialist High-Skills Majors (SHSM), Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) as well as the following pathways: Workplace · Apprenticeship · College. Students have opportunities to explore experiential learning, including in technology and trades such as Transportation (Automotive, Auto Body, Small Engines), Hospitality and Culinary Arts (Baking and Cooking), Construction, Masonry, Manufacturing and Welding, Horticulture and Green Industries (Greenhouse), Hair and Esthetics, Cosmetology, Information and Communication Technology, Fine Arts, Jewelry Making, and Textiles. Students learn in classrooms with a low teacher-student ratio and participate in experiential learning including work experience and co-operative education.

### Student Profile

- Interested in experiential learning and at least one of the technical trades offered.
- Interested in pedagogical supports for atypical cognitive profiles.
- Interested in earning credits at the locally developed level, applied level, and college level.
- Positive attitude towards achieving success in a supportive, technical trades-focused environment.

Note: The Credit Program is distinct from the other specialized programs that exist at OTSS and other sites. The central application process for these programs must be completed should the student be a candidate for the GLP, BIP, ASD, or PSP programs.

### Program Features

- Multiple program pathways that include but are not limited to: Workplace, Apprenticeship, and College
- An opportunity to try a variety of trades and shops and, in senior years, to focus on those that are of most interest to the student.
- Small group setting with classes capped at 17 students in a structured environment, with clear expectations for participation and attendance.
- A strength-based approach that focuses on growth and achievement for all students through purposeful, individualized pathways.
- Experiential and differentiated learning experiences in all classes, including compulsory credit classes. Local industry partnerships yielding Coop, OYAP, and SHSM opportunities.

Note: The OTSS Credit Program is not a tier of intervention nor a therapeutic program nor a specialized program. Please consult your Multi-Disciplinary team to determine programming for mental health needs, behavioural and/or attendance interventions, or for Care and Treatment programs.

### Referral Process

- After multi-d consultation and with the support of the parent or guardian, the referring school completes the [OTSS Application Form](#).
- All supporting documents referenced by the application form are to be forwarded to Ottawa Technical Secondary School for consideration.
- The application package is reviewed by OTSS Student Services and Administration to ensure that the OTSS credit program is suitable for the student in question. Often follow-up conversations are required.
- Registration and transition planning is then coordinated by the OTSS team.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about this process or to discuss specific students that may benefit from our credit program. Thank you for considering the best interests of your students when considering Ottawa Technical Secondary School. For more information about OTSS, click on the following link: [OTSS Brochure](#)