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WHAT IS FOCUSED APPRENTICESHIP SKILLS TRAINING (FAST)?

Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training (FAST) is an accelerated stream within OYAP that will allow students in Grades 11 and 12 to participate in more apprenticeship learning through additional co-operative education credits while completing their OSSD.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 15 years of age or older.
- Have completed 14 credits toward the OSSD.
- Be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in a secondary school or continuing education program.
- Complete an OYAP Participation Form during a co-operative education placement in a skilled trade.
- Provide a signed parent/guardian consent form if the student is under 18 years.

To complete OYAP-FAST, students must:

- Earn 8 to 11 co-op credits with their placement component in the skilled trades.
- Register as an apprentice by securing a Registered Training Agreement (RTA) before completing an eighth co-op education credit.

For current Grade 10 and 11 students, co-op credits earned can count toward two of their Group 1, 2 and 3 compulsory credits or be counted as electives.

BENEFITS OF SELECTING THE OYAP-FAST PATHWAY

In selecting courses for the student's Grade 11 and 12 school year, consideration should be given not only to ensuring the student meets their [Ontario Secondary School Diploma \(OSSD\) requirements](#), but also that they are keeping doors open to post-secondary programs of interest. For example, while the OSSD requirements may have only English as a compulsory credit in their Grade 12 year, an apprenticeship-bound student may also wish to take Math or Physics courses required by colleges or unions tied to their trade sector of interest.

OYAP-FAST students may limit their ability to apply to college and/or university programs depending on the courses selected by the student over their high school career and the constraints of their timetable. Students who are in this program should be quite confident that they are pursuing the apprenticeship pathway for their post-secondary education. Conversations with their Guidance Counsellor are strongly encouraged as well as accessing skilled trades and apprenticeship-specific resources such as [Skilled Trades Ontario](#).

In each of the senior grades, OYAP-FAST students are advised to take at least 4 co-op credits in order to ensure they meet the 8 Co-op credit minimum for this pathway.

COURSE SELECTION AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION STEPS

Students wishing to pursue the OYAP-FAST pathway will be directed by their Guidance Department to select Coop during the registration process in myBlueprint. Parents/guardians must approve the student's course requests.

All students interested in the OYAP-FAST pathway must complete the Intent to Participate form, participate in a pathway planning meeting with their Guidance Counsellor, speak with their Coop Teacher to discuss placements, OYAP participation and the RTA and submit a completed OYAP-FAST consent form that requires a parent/guardian signature for students under 18 years of age.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about OYAP-FAST, please contact your Guidance Department, Cooperative Education Department or email Jennifer Boluk-Svec, OYAP Recruiter for the BHNCDSB at jsvec@bhncdsb.ca.