

# Pre-Apprenticeship 2024

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Is there funding while I am enrolling in the program?**

Your tuition, books, and equipment are paid for by the program. For funding while you're in school, you may be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI). Please check [Service Canada website](#) for more information on EI and other funding eligibility.

There is also Indigenous funding for eligible candidates; please reach out to Jennifer Linklater at [Jennifer.linklater@georgiancollege.ca](mailto:Jennifer.linklater@georgiancollege.ca) for more details.

For eligible applicants, financial assistance is available to assist with stipends and childcare. Documentation showing financial need will be required to determine eligibility. For more details, please email Heather Currie at [OwenSoundPreApp@GeogianCollege.ca](mailto:OwenSoundPreApp@GeogianCollege.ca).

### **What are the program eligibility criteria?**

You must have a high school diploma with grade 12 math (applied or advanced) and either a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Residence.

### **Am I able to apply while waiting for my high school diploma?**

Absolutely.

### **How much of the program is onsite and online?**

This program is 100% on campus and onsite.

### **I've been out of school for so long. Would this affect my eligibility? Do I need to repeat my math?**

#### **Where do I go to obtain my transcript?**

If you have your high school diploma and grade 12 math, you don't need to repeat. Your high school should have a copy of your transcript. If the high school no longer exists, you can obtain the transcript from the school board.

### **I completed upgrading courses at Georgian College. Who should I contact to obtain my upgrading report?**

You can view your Georgian College Unofficial transcript via Banner. In the unofficial transcript, you should see your completed Upgrading courses. A print-out of that would suffice for your application.

If you do not have access to your Unofficial transcript, the Registrar Office has a record of your courses. They can be reached via email or phone: [registrar@georgiancollege.ca](mailto:registrar@georgiancollege.ca), 705-722-1511. Please note that a fee for this report may apply.

**I am a couple of credits away from obtaining my high school diploma, or I don't have my grade 12 math. What should I do?**

Georgian College Academic and Career Preparation Department (Upgrading) has free, flexible and supportive upgrading courses, including math (core, technical, apprenticeship, and business). For more details, please contact [acpowensound@georgiancollege.ca](mailto:acpowensound@georgiancollege.ca) or call 519-372-3220

There are upgrading courses at night. YMCA offers services to help students bridge the gap. Please visit their website for more details <https://ymcaowensound.on.ca/Employment-Education-Training/?pageid=23>

**I have my post-secondary courses in addition to my high school diploma. Will this affect my eligibility?**

No. We encourage you to apply and an unofficial transcript can be emailed to [OwenSoundPreApp@GeorgianCollege.ca](mailto:OwenSoundPreApp@GeorgianCollege.ca) as part of your application package if you feel it would be beneficial to your application (ex. you've completed a Communications, Math, or Physics). We do not need an official transcript of your post-secondary program – unofficial copies are acceptable.

**I have my high school diploma in a different country. Would this affect my eligibility?**

A high school diploma in a different country is acceptable. If it's not in English or French, it will need to be translated.

**What are other options if I'm not successful?**

Because we can only accept 21 candidates to the program, you are encouraged to apply for CUSW apprenticeship if you meet some of the requirements, such as grade 11 Physics, Biology, and Chemistry, and grade 12 Math. You can find out more information about applying directly to CUSW [here](#).

If you do not have the CUSW requirements, there's the option of upgrading through Georgian College Academic and Career Preparation Department to obtain those requirements. You could also apply for the Post-Secondary program, Electrical Techniques, which would provide you with the educational background and start your pathway to becoming an Apprentice (complete the Electrical Techniques Program, obtain an employer/sponsor, apply as an apprentice through the Ministry Apprenticeship Office). If you have questions about these pathways, please feel free to email [OwenSoundPreApp@GeorgianCollege.ca](mailto:OwenSoundPreApp@GeorgianCollege.ca) for more information.

We encourage you to re-apply next year for the pre-apprenticeship program at Owen Sound.

**When would I know if I have been considered?**

The application will close on April 14<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified around April 17<sup>th</sup> on the status of your application. If you are successful during the screening process, we will notify candidates via email with a Bookings link, where you can pick from the available dates and times on a first come first serve basis. We will also notify unsuccessful candidates, and, depending on the assessment, we may suggest pathways to further assist you.

**What does it mean once you are completed the program and an indentured apprentice?**

Once you completed the program, you will be signed up with CUSW and the Ministry as a registered 309A Electrical Apprentice to begin your apprenticeship.

**What is the traveling expectation during and after placement?**

During the placement, we aim to keep students within the region. Having a reliable transportation is critical to the success of the program. After being indentured, apprentices are encouraged to travel where the needs are. Hydro One offers travelling allowances for far distance job sites.

**What does the Bruce Power security clearance entail?**

The initial security clearance during the application process consists of candidates filling out a form from CSIS requiring 2 pieces of IDs, such as a passport and a driver's license. There is a more thorough security clearance search upon acceptance into the program, which Bruce Power will guide students through the process after the program starts.