

Types of Post-Secondary Programs

There are several different post-secondary program options: Preparatory, Pre-University, Technology/Career or Vocational Training.

College Programs:

1. Preparatory Programs

- Also known as *Explorations* or *Pathways* programs
- Typically one or two semesters long, where students will then transfer into their intended college program
- For students who are missing prerequisite courses and who have never taken them before (i.e. Enriched Math, Physics, Chemistry)
- Other types of preparatory programs exist for students whose grades are below the cut-off for other programs (low-mid 60's)

2. Pre-University Programs

- Two-year program
- Prepares students for university education
- Theoretical learning (vs. hands-on)
- Limited practical value *if* the student doesn't attend university
- Further study is required to develop the skills and competencies to obtain a career in that field

3. Technology/Career Programs

- Three-year program
- Prepares students for the world of work
- Develop marketable knowledge and skills
- Often includes internships and hands-on training (vs. theoretical learning)
- Graduates can go on to university afterwards
 - May need to complete prerequisite courses first
 - May receive advanced standing (i.e. some college-level courses may be credited towards university degree)

Vocational Training:

- Certification that allows a student to acquire abilities in a skilled trade in order to enter the job market
- Duration of the program is typically between 600-1800 hours
- Most vocational training programs require for an applicant to have passing grades in Secondary 4 English Language Arts, French Second Language and Mathematics *or* Secondary 5 English Language Arts, French Second Language and Mathematics.
- The applicant must be 16 years old or older on September 30th of the school when they begin the program
- Once a training program is completed, an individual with a *Diploma of Vocational Studies* (DVS) may also choose to pursue CEGEP studies as long as certain general courses have been successfully completed