

# YOUR NEW CO-OP ADVANTAGE

## What's new?

You can now count up to **two cooperative education credits** towards the **18 compulsory credits** needed for a high school diploma.

- If you are taking a co-op program this school year (2005–06), you can now count up to two credits you earn in the program as compulsory credits for your diploma.
- See your guidance counsellor, co-op teacher, or student success teacher right away to talk about these new opportunities.

## Why take co-op?

**TEST-DRIVE A CAREER:** Do the job and get a chance to see if your career choice is really what you want before choosing your postsecondary destination.

**BUILD YOUR SKILLS:** Work one-on-one with a co-worker in a program designed to meet your interests, needs, and strengths.

**GET HANDS-ON WORK EXPERIENCE:** Overcome the problem of “no job without experience and no experience without a job”. Put real work experience on your résumé.

*“I felt I was treated like a colleague, not a student, during my co-op at the city’s fire department. The knowledge I gained was unlike anything I have learned from a textbook.”*

BRYAN P.

*“My healthcare support services co-op placement gave me multiple opportunities to experience the hospital atmosphere first-hand. It also allowed me to make important career decisions that will impact the rest of my life.”*

MIRANDA S.



## Need More Information?

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