

Pine Ridge Post-Secondary Event, September 30, 2021 – Q&A

When is the deadline for applying to colleges?

Complete and pay for your application on or before [February 1 in order to receive equal consideration for admission](#) to programs beginning the following September.

February 1, 2022.

What is the OSSC Credits?

The Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) The Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) will be granted, on request, to students who are leaving secondary school upon reaching the age of eighteen without having met the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. To be granted an OSSC, a student must have earned a minimum of 14 credits, distributed as follows. 7 required compulsory credits • 2 credits in English • 1 credit in mathematics • 1 credit in science • 1 credit in Canadian history or Canadian geography • 1 credit in health and physical education • 1 credit in the arts, computer studies, or technological education • 7 required optional credits • 7 credits selected by the student from available courses • The provisions for making substitutions for compulsory credits described in section 6.2 also apply to the Ontario Secondary School Certificate.

How soon can I apply to universities for my child?

Students can apply to Ontario Universities when they receive their PIN from the Guidance Department. DDSB schools usually receive PINs in late October.

Are we continuing with quadesters all year?

This has not been confirmed by the DDSB.

What are the basic courses I need to apply to be an electrician?

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/programs/professions-and-trades/electrician-electrical>

OSSD, Grade 12 English and Mathematics for many programs.

How do I apply for OSAP?

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

The OSAP application is not open for 2022-2023. Pine Ridge will have application seminars when the application is open. Student may use the OSAP Aid Estimator.

<https://osap.gov.on.ca/AidEstimator2122Web/enterapp/enter.xhtml>

Can I visit the schools?

Students and families are encouraged to connect with all post-secondary schools, to visit, tour and see the campuses.

Is commencement in June or October?

Commencement will be in June.

Where can I get Volunteer Hours?

<https://www.ddsbc.ca/en/programs-and-learning/community-involvement-hours.aspx>

How can I figure out what I want to do for University?

Visit the OUAC website and your myBlueprint account to start exploring programs and interests you may have. Join the virtual presentations and fairs in October. Start researching and asking questions. Make a guidance appointment.

[myBlueprint](#) is a comprehensive online education, career/life planning, and digital portfolio tool designed to meet students' learning needs, interests, and aspirations. Go to the Post-Secondary menu and begin to research and explore opportunities and programs.

Please contact the Guidance department if you have questions or require follow-up. Thank you for participating in the Pine Ridge Secondary School post-secondary evening.