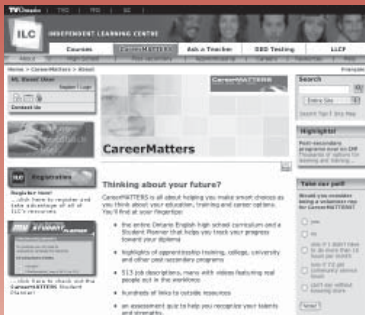


## What is CareerMATTERS?

CareerMATTERS is a free, Ontario-focused website that allows young people both in and out of school to explore the wide variety of occupations in the province, and the education and training they need to prepare for them.

CareerMATTERS was developed by the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) in consultation with an advisory council comprising of representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, guidance experts and focus groups of parents/guardians and youth.

## CareerMATTERS Start Here. Get There.



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# The Journey: CareerMATTERS

## A Guide to CareerMATTERS

The five major sections in CareerMATTERS are High School, Post-secondary, Apprenticeship, Careers, and Resources.

**High School:** This section provides detailed descriptions and prerequisite information for courses in all grades and subjects. It also offers information about alternatives and options such as:

- summer school
- co-op programs
- apprenticeship programs
- an interactive Student Planner which allows you to track progress toward a diploma
- an online Assessment Quiz which links your skills and interests to potential careers
- a Locker which allows you to store the Planner, Quiz results and pages from the website for future reference.

**Post-secondary:** Explore all post-secondary opportunities in Ontario, including:

- apprenticeship
- career colleges
- colleges of applied arts & technology
- university
- use the "Find a Program" tool to research over 9,000 programs available in the province

**Apprenticeship:** Learn the ins and outs of Ontario's apprenticeship system, what it is, how it works and the steps towards becoming an apprentice. Find:

- in-depth information on over 130 apprenticeship trades, including what the trade involves, how to get started, salary range and links to training centres
- "day-in-the-life" photo essay profiles and videos of real apprentices and journeypersons
- an interactive "roadmap" to help you navigate the steps toward becoming an apprentice

**Careers:** Explore the career options available to you – visit this section and find:

- over 500 detailed job descriptions including specific duties, education or training
- over 150 video job profiles
- a High School Path for each career recommending courses you should take
- links to professional organizations

**Resources:** Your source for links to the best sites for career, education and training in Ontario.

- career planning tools
- job trends and salaries
- job hunting tips

## CareerMATTERS Lets Users

- keep a record of the courses, tests, and volunteer work they have completed toward their high school diploma
- plan the path they need to take to complete their high school diploma and to enter their chosen career
- find high school courses and post-secondary training of interest to them
- become aware of their interests and talents and relate them to career themes
- explore opportunities by grades, subjects, regions, or industry areas
- explore career possibilities
- find out the working environment of various careers

## CareerMATTERS Serves

- high school and senior elementary students
- young people in alternative programs or schools
- young people seeking to advance their skills or careers
- parents/guardians
- counsellors

# The Journey: Career Cruising



## What is Career Cruising?

Career Cruising is an online guidance tool, available in French and English, that each Ontario student is able to use to explore possible career options, whether that be through one of the many search tools or Career Matchmaker. You are also able to seamlessly find which college, university, and apprenticeship programs in Canada provide the education and training required for those careers that peak your interests. Every career and education planning idea you have can be organized and saved into the Career Cruising Portfolio Tool allowing you to transform your ideas into a concrete plan for success!

## Career Matchmaker

Career Matchmaker is a great place to start the career exploration process. Career Matchmaker consists of 116 questions in total, but you may answer as little as 39 questions to get an initial list of career suggestions. By clicking on a suggested occupation, you can receive clear feedback on exactly why this occupation is considered to be a good match for you. You are also able to compare your results with careers that do not appear on your list and narrow your list down according to the level of education you plan to pursue.

## Explore Careers

The Careers section gives you several different ways to search for career information including a keyword search, search by school subject, search by career cluster, and the Career Selector. Each Career Profile includes a job description plus information on working conditions, earnings, the education and training required including direct links to related college, university, and apprenticeship programs, a sample career path, and more. Two multimedia interviews with individuals working in this occupation are also included as part of each Career Profile.



## Explore Education & Training

The Education & Training section provides comprehensive school and program profiles for the colleges, universities, and apprenticeship programs across Canada. You are able to search for school information directly by name or province, or search by program. You are also able to search for apprenticeship program information throughout Canada or in a specific province.

## Career Portfolio Tool

The Career Cruising Portfolio tool is a place where you can save everything you have done in Career Cruising that you would like to document or that you may want to go back to at a later date, such as careers and schools of interest, or your Career Selector and Matchmaker results. The portfolio also allows you to create a high school education plan, enter any career goals and plans for the future, as well as build a customized resume.

## How Do I Access Career Cruising?

Each school has its own username and password to access Career Cruising. Career Cruising can be accessed at [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) from your school or home computer, or anywhere with Internet access. If you are not sure of your school's username and password ask your guidance counsellor or contact Career Cruising at [support@careercruising.com](mailto:support@careercruising.com).

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