

# FAQs

## 1. Can I take co-op in grade 11 and 12?

- Yes. You can take co-op both years as long as you are meeting your graduation requirements. Please check with your guidance counselor and a co-op teacher for more information.

## 2. What if I want to become an apprentice?

- Perfect. Decide on the apprenticeship you would like to pursue. During the co-op interview make sure to discuss all your options with your co-op teacher.
- Once you begin your placement, your co-op teacher will enroll you in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (Do a Google search for 'OYAP', for more information), and your co-op hours can count toward your apprenticeship hours.

## 3. Where will I work during my placement?

- There are many options to explore.
- Make sure that you come to your co-op interview with some ideas of what are your interests, skills, experiences, courses you really enjoyed, extra-curricular involvement, etc.
- If you have contacts in your area of interest, please bring that information with you to discuss with your co-op teacher.

## 4. What are the academic & non-academic requirements for co-op?

- Be 16 years old or have 16 completed courses. Make sure you are meeting your graduation requirements.
- Take courses in your interest area.
- Know your interests from your work, volunteer, school or personal experience.

## 5. Is there an exam in this class?

- No. There are two culminating activities: Career Presentation & Placement Demonstration.

## 6. Can I have a job after my co-op placement?

- There is no guarantee. However, it does happen that employers offer our students part-time, summer and full-time jobs following their placements.

## 7. What about my extra-curricular activities and vacation with my family?

- Students need to choose co-op in the semester they do NOT have extra-curricular activities.
- Students are unable to take vacation outside of the regular school holidays during the semester they are taking co-op to prevent loss of the mandatory placement hours in order to earn the credits.

## 8. Are there any expenses that I need to plan for?

- You will need to wear professional clothing to your interview, but there is also an option of wearing your school uniform.
- You **may** need to purchase bus tickets to get to your placement, depending on the distance from OLMC
- You may need to purchase Personal Protective Equipment such as steel-toe boots, safety glasses, aprons or masks to protect yourself.