

RESEARCHING AND CHOOSING A SCHOOL

This section is to help you determine what school best suits your learning style and training needs. It is your responsibility to investigate all of the available courses in your chosen field. If available, gather the information from a minimum of three (3) schools and indicate which one you have chosen.

These questions will help you make the best choice when researching a training provider.

OPTION # 1

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

School: **Fanshawe College**

Contact person: **Office of the Registrar** Phone: **519-452-4277**

Is this school registered as a Private Career College in Ontario? **No**

If no, please explain: **College of Applied Arts and Technology**

Is this course eligible for OSAP funding? **Yes**

Is this training provider certified to give T2202A tuition tax receipts? **Yes**

COURSE INFORMATION

Geographic Information Systems

This course is offered: Full time Part time Other

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Admission Requirements for 2013/2014

An Ontario College Diploma with a minimum 'B' average or 3.0 GPA

OR

A University Degree with a minimum 'B' average or 3.0 GPA

OR

Equivalent qualification from another institution with a minimum 'B' average or 3.0 GPA as judged by the College to be equivalent to the above

OR

Professional background and experience judged by the College to be equivalent to the above

COURSE DETAILS

Course length (# Weeks): **30 weeks**

Number of hours per week: **Average 20 hrs/week**

Course start date: **September 2013**

Schedule of hours: **8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday**

Course finish date: **April 2014**

Is this start date flexible? **No**

Cost of training course/program: (Based on 2013/2014 Tuition Fees)

	Level 1	Level 2
Fees/Tuition:	\$2,476.65	\$2,476.65
Books		\$84.00
Other: Laptop, Software		\$1,000 \$200.00
OCAS Application Fee	\$95.00	
Total Cost:	\$2,571.65	\$3,760.65

Total cost of program: \$6,332.30

Note:

Tuition fees are charged per term. Students who pay less than the Total Balance Due in one payment and have met the minimum payment to be registered will be assigned a payment plan with due dates. The installment payment plan is subject to a non-refundable payment plan administration fee of 6.25% of the balance owing after the first payment is received. **The payment plan administration fee is charged once per term.**

Admission related fees, when applicable:

» English Language Evaluation Test (ELE) - \$60.00

- For applicants for whom English is not their first language.

» Subject Challenge Exams - \$96.00

Challenge Exams are used for admissions purposes:

- When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not have proof of a grade (i.e. English, Math, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics). The challenge exam shows that the individual has the skill set that meets the minimum grade requirement.
- When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not meet the minimum grade requirement.

**** Challenge exams cannot be used in lieu of a subject requirement when prior learning has not been completed.****

EVALUATING THE SCHOOL / FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

1. Did you meet the instructor/s prior to selecting this school? Please explain.

2. Have you contacted local employers to see if the training is acceptable to them?
 Yes No

3. Does this school have a solid reputation in the community? **Yes. Fanshawe College is one of 24 publicly funded Community Colleges in Ontario and is one of the largest colleges in Ontario.**

4. Are the standards and licenses recognized by Governments and Occupational Associations? **Yes**

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE SCHOOL

1. What are the methods of instruction and time spent on each?
 lectures **25%** hands-on practice **55%** teacher- led **100%**
 self-paced **20%** demonstrations **20%** technology-based instruction **__%**
2. What certification will you get upon completion of this course?
Ontario College Certificate
3. Please explain how your progress will be monitored and reported (method and frequency).
Frequent testing and assignment with final examinations in most courses
4. How many hours of home study are expected per week? **12 hours/week**
5. Are detailed course descriptions available to prospective students?
Yes
If YES, obtain copies and include with Training Research Guide
6. What resources are available if you require additional help while in training?

Fanshawe College offers a wide range of student services to support your success at college:

- **English and Math tutoring**
- **Peer Tutors to assist students having difficulty in a specific course**
- **Study skills workshops and tutoring offered throughout the year for learners who need to brush up on academic skills**
- **Personal, academic and career counselling is available to all students**
- **Specialized support services for mature students**
- **A full range of services and academic accommodations to support the success of students with disabilities**
- **Help with job finding strategies, resume and cover letter assistance, and job interview skills. A job bank lists full-time and part-time opportunities.**

In addition, the following services are available to all students:

- **A full-service Library/Resource Centre, including a Virtual Library for easy 24/7 access and media loans**
- **Financial Aid Office, including bursary assistance**
- **Awards and Scholarships**

7. What percentage of students who are enrolled in the course successfully complete it? **77%**

8. What academic counselling is available prior to starting school and during the training period?

Staff offer pre-admission planning and academic advice and information for those considering admission to Fanshawe College.

Fanshawe College has a Student Success Advisor in every school and campus who is dedicated to helping students achieve academic success. Student Success Advisors can discuss program progression as well as helping students connect with tutoring, study skills workshops and other academic supports. In addition, due to their close ties with faculty they are notified about students experiencing academic challenges early in the program.

9. How does the school accommodate the needs of adult learners?

The College has considerable experience with adult learners and has specialists available to assist learners with study skills, success strategies, learning and other disabilities. Program coordinators are familiar with the needs of adult learners and will provide assistance to students on a one to one basis.

10. What are the qualifications of the instructor(s)?

Degree or Masters level University Education with work experience

11. Do students have the opportunity to evaluate the instructor and the course?

Yes. Instructional feedback surveys are completed for each course

12. Does the institution have publicized policies dealing with human rights issues?

Yes

13. Are you allowed to audit a few classes?

Yes

14. Will the school provide references (e.g. signed release forms, past graduates and /or current students)? If not, why?

Yes

15. Will there be a practicum or work placement? When and how long is it? **No**

16. How does the institution support continuing education/upgrading for graduates in this field of work?

Fanshawe College offers Continuing Education courses for anyone requiring upgrading of skills. Fanshawe also provides custom training to employers on an as requested basis

17. How does the institution make an effort to place its graduates in jobs after completion of the program?

Students at Fanshawe have access to career services that in addition to hosting a job bank can also provide them with job finding strategies as well as resume and cover letter assistance. The college also offers services through its Job Connect program- a comprehensive employment service that assists graduates in finding employment after they leave Fanshawe.

18. What percentage of graduates from this training find work in a field related to their training? **New program. Data not yet available but similar GIS Urban Planning has 100% related employment.**

19. List employers who hire graduates from this course.

Region of Waterloo, City of London, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Ministry of Natural Resources, Planscape (Bracebridge, Ont.) BM ROSS (Goderich), PMHC Inc, London, Urban Systems (Calgary)

20. How will the credentials you receive be recognized by the industry/employer/sector? **An Ontario College Diploma is a recognized credential by business and industry. This is a broad-based business program providing a solid foundation in business. Students may also apply credits earned towards a CE (Certified Entrepreneur) designation through the Canadian Institute of Entrepreneurship.**