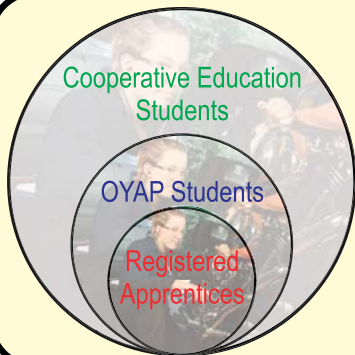


OYAP students and Cooperative Education

An OYAP student is a cooperative education student. According to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) definition:

“An OYAP student is defined as a student who is receiving cooperative education credits for work experience in an apprenticeship occupation. The student may or may not formally register as an apprentice while in secondary school. The student's cooperative education personalized placement learning plan (PPLP) must be based on the on-the-job training requirements outlined in the government approved training standards for the trade.” (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Administration And Accountability Guidelines - September 1, 2005 To August 31, 2006)

Students earning cooperative education credits for working in apprenticeship occupations are OYAP students. They will work and learn the skills associated with a specific skilled trade. The Ministry of Education provides Workers Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage for all cooperative education students. A Work Education Agreement is completed for these students, which stipulates the details of the placement, such as the duration, working hours, job title and who is providing the WSIB coverage. A Personalized Placement Learning Plan (PPLP) will be created to guide the student's learning. This is essentially a list of tasks the student will perform while on the job. It should include some of the training standard for the specific Apprenticeship. The employer will be asked to provide feedback on the student's progress. If the student and employer are willing the student may be registered as an apprentice during the cooperative education placement.



OYAP students are part of Cooperative Education

- Cooperative education students earn highschool credits for learning in a workplace
- Some cooperative education students are OYAP students - the work they do is part of an Apprenticeship in Ontario
- Some OYAP students become registered apprentices during their cooperative education placements