

# ADMISSION

York University's Office of Admissions is mandated to ensure that all qualified applicants are considered for admission in a fair and equitable manner. The University makes offers of admission to the most qualified candidates. However, if you feel that your academic record does not reflect your abilities, you are invited to present documentation outlining circumstances that may have affected your academic performance.

Please visit our web site at <http://www.yorku.ca> (click on Admissions) to learn more about York University. The following information is available at the site.

## CATEGORIES OF ADMISSION

There are several possible paths for achieving your undergraduate academic goals at York University. Here are brief descriptions of each category of admission:

### Undergraduate Degree

Individuals with appropriate preparation may apply for admission to complete an honours or ordinary undergraduate degree at York. Degrees requiring postsecondary experience are the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Bachelor of Social Work.

### Undergraduate Certificate

Individuals with appropriate preparation may apply for admission to complete an undergraduate certificate. Certificate programs offer students the opportunity to develop a specialized area of study, often within the broader context of a degree program.

### Visiting Student

The University will consider for admission individuals who wish to take credit courses at York, but who do not intend to complete a degree or a certificate. This category is open to individuals who already hold an undergraduate degree, or who are currently attending another recognized university and wish to take courses on a Letter of Permission granted by that university.

### Provisional Student

In very exceptional circumstances, the University will admit, for a period not to exceed one academic year, (normally in anticipation of admission as a degree candidate) individuals on a provisional basis. Such provisional status is granted at the discretion of the University and on the basis of the bona fide presentation of sufficient grounds to sustain a reasonable presumption of an applicant's ability to complete the requirements for a degree or certificate.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Consideration for admission is given to applicants presenting outstanding academic credentials provided that they are earned at recognized/accredited institutions. The following chart identifies some of the academic preparation York University recognizes:

Academic Preparation	Admission Requirements
High School/ Secondary School	<p>Ontario Academic Credits (OAC): OSSD</p> <p>Canadian High Schools outside of Ontario and Quebec: Grade 12</p> <p>Quebec: First year at CEGEP (minimum 12 courses) or Grade 12</p> <p>International Baccalaureate: IB Diploma with a minimum score of 24 (Predicted Bonus Points are considered. Advanced standing may be assessed for Higher Level courses with grades of 5 or better)</p> <p>Advanced Placement Examinations: Advanced Standing may be assessed to a maximum of 12 credits for applicants who achieve a grade of 4 or better in appropriate subjects.</p> <p>General Certificate of Education (GCE or GCSE): Two Advanced level and three Ordinary level passes; or, three Advanced level passes and one Ordinary level pass. Advanced level subjects passed with a grade of C or better may be eligible for transfer credit, to a maximum of 18 credits. Admission and transfer credit decisions may be made based on predicted grades.</p> <p>U.S.A. High School Grade 12 graduation from a U.S. high school in combination with SAT or ACT scores.</p> <p>International High School A complete list of equivalent international certificates may be obtained from the Office of International Student Recruitment and Admissions, York University, Toronto, Canada. Refer to the contact information in this section.</p> <p>There are specific minimum average requirements and course prerequisites for York programs. Please visit our web site at <a href="http://www.yorku.ca">http://www.yorku.ca</a> or contact the Office of Admissions for further details.</p>
University Transfer	<p>Degree-credit studies at an accredited university with a minimum average of C for admission to an Ordinary program or C+ for admission to an honours program (higher averages are required for some programs).</p> <p>Applicants presenting international transcripts must submit official English translations and course descriptions. Documents submitted in French do not require translation.</p> <p>International transcripts are reviewed in reference to the grading scale reported by the institution.</p> <p>Failed courses are included in the calculation of the admission average.</p>
Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology	<p>CAAT Diploma with a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point scale (B); or the completion of eight semestered academic courses with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point scale (B)</p> <p>Failed courses are included in the calculation of the admission average.</p>

Mature Student	A mature applicant is an individual who has completed fewer than 4 university courses, who has been away from secondary school study for more than two years, and who is at least 21 years of age. Applicants must demonstrate sufficient preparation for university-level study. Applicants taking a pre-university course must attain a grade of B to be considered for admission.
Senior Citizens	Senior Citizens who wish to be admitted to the University are evaluated as mature students unless the individual has completed previous postsecondary studies (see appropriate sections in chart above). Applicants must be 60 years of age or older on the first day of classes for which they have applied. In order to be exempted from the Domestic Fee Rate, Senior Citizens must meet the rules and regulations outlined by the Office of the Registrar, telephone (416) 736-5440.

*Note: All applicants must meet the prerequisite and minimum average requirements for the programs to which they have applied. Requirements vary by program. Applicants are encouraged to visit our web site at <http://www.yorku.ca> (click on Admissions) for more detailed information.*

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

York University seeks to ensure that students are able to satisfy the demands of university-level work in English.

You are not required to provide further proof of your English proficiency if you have completed one of the following: four years of full-time secondary school studies at institutions where English is the language of instruction; **or**, one full year of postsecondary study at accredited institutions where English is the language of instruction. You are also exempted if your academic institution is located in a country where English is an official language. Applicants to our Glendon campus may establish their proficiency in English or French.

All other applicants must provide proof of their English proficiency by submitting acceptable results on one of the following English language tests:

Acceptable Language Test	Minimum Score
York English Language Test (YELT)	Overall band: Between 1 and 5 (note: new banding system effective in July 1998)
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	Paper-based test: 560 Computer-based test: 220
International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)	7
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	82

Language test scores are reviewed in combination with academic credentials to determine admissibility to the University.

- English as a Second Language (ESL) support for admitted students is offered through degree credit programs.
- Non-credit ESL instruction is available prior to university study through the York University English Language Institute. Contact (416) 736-5353 for more information.

- Candidates with strong academic averages but whose language test scores fall slightly below these posted ranges may still be reviewed for possible conditional admission.

For information about the York English Language Test, please contact the YELT Coordinator at 416-736-5812 or call the Office of Admissions at 416-736-5000. Note that the YELT mail registration form is available at the web site at <http://www.yorku.ca> (click on Admissions).

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### Application Forms:

Ontario high school students must contact their guidance office to apply to the University. Please use the 101 application form provided by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre. High school students who are 21 years of age or older are urged to apply using the 105D application form.

University students transferring from an Ontario university are encouraged to use the 105D application form available at all Ontario university admission offices. This form allows you the opportunity to have your transcript sent to us electronically.

All other applicants may apply in one of the following manners:

- The 105D application form provided by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre. This form enables you to apply to several Ontario universities on one form.
- The York University Undergraduate Application form provided by the Office of Admissions.
- The York University on-line application form available at our website at <http://www.yorku.ca> (click on Admissions).
- The 105F application form may be used by international students who are applying from outside of Canada and choosing more than one Ontario university.

## ADMISSION TO BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

The Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) is an Honours degree. The number of applicants to the Social Work programme generally exceeds the number who can be accepted. Selection into the program is based not only on academic ability, but also on professional potential.

Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in order to be eligible for admission entry procedures. The entry procedures include the following criteria: academic achievement, work, volunteer and community experience, personal statement, problem statement, academic record and references. An interview may be required.

### Social Work Supplementary Admissions Information Form

This form is provided with the Bachelor of Social Work application package and is a required part of the application process. The application package is available from the Office of Admissions.

## ADMISSION TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc.N.) is an Honours degree that is offered as two distinct programs. The Department of Nursing also offers two certificates.

1. **Post-RN Program.** This programme is for Registered Nurses. Information about the B.Sc.N. programme may be obtained from the Department of Nursing (416) 736-5271 or from the Office of Admissions at (416) 736-5000.
2. **Collaborative Programme.** This programme is for students who have successfully completed two years of a Collaborative Programme in Nursing at Georgian or Seneca Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, or other approved Collaborative Programme Partner College of Applied Arts and Technology. For further information on this programme, applicants should first contact the Departments of Nursing at Georgian or Seneca College, or other approved Collaborative Programme Partner College.
3. **Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate.** A Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate is also available for Registered Nurses holding a completed Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing or concurrently enrolled in the York B.Sc.N. programme. This certificate may be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. Information can be obtained from the Department of Nursing at (416) 736-5271.
4. **Health Informatics Certificate.** Students enrolled in the B.Sc.N. degree may take the Health Informatics Certificate concurrently. Information can be obtained from the Department of Nursing at (416) 736-5271.

### Supplementary Application Form

This form is provided with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree application package and is a required part of the application process. The application package is available from the Office of Admissions.

### SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

The Office for Persons with Disabilities offers assistance to students with physical disabilities and our Learning Disabilities Program offers services to those with learning disabilities.

Applicants with special needs are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions for further information. All pertinent documentation for admission consideration should be submitted by April 1.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Classes Beginning	Deadline Date
September (Fall/Winter)	June 30 - degree and certificate August 15 - visiting students
January (Winter)	November 1 - degree and certificate December 1 - visiting students
May/June (Spring/Summer)	March 1 - degree and certificate April 15 - visiting students

The dates provided are final deadlines. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply much earlier and to provide official documentation very early in the application process. *Some programmes fill much earlier than the deadlines indicated.*

## ELIGIBILITY FOR ADVANCED STANDING (TRANSFER CREDIT)

Applicants who present accredited postsecondary studies and have satisfied admission criteria may be eligible for advanced standing or transfer credit consideration. The amount of credit granted depends on the academic content of the programme completed, the grades received, and the programme to which the student has applied to at York. Eligibility for transfer credit is assessed when applications for admission are processed. Course descriptions are required for all academic work completed outside of Canada or the US at the postsecondary level if applying to a degree programme.

### Applicants Holding a First Degree:

Students will not be admitted to a second degree in the same major or where their existing studies overlaps significantly with an Atkinson degree programme. Students with acceptable standing may reclassify a three-year degree to a four-year degree in the same major.

Students holding a degree and seeking admission to an honours programme will be required to have honours level standing in their first degree.

The Senate of York University endorses the following principles:

1. Acceptance of transfer credits among Ontario universities shall be based on the recognition that, while learning experiences may differ in a variety of ways, their substance may be virtually equivalent in terms of their content and rigour. Insofar as possible, acceptance of transfer should allow for the maximum recognition of previous learning experience in university-level courses;
2. Any course offered for credit by one Ontario university shall be accepted for credit by another Ontario university when there is virtual equivalency in course content.

## FAILURE AND DEBARMENT

Students who have been debarred may be readmitted in some subsequent session only if they give convincing evidence to the Committee on Admissions that they can benefit from further university work. Applications for readmission will not be considered until two years from the date of debarment. In cases of failure at another university, or where another university's regulations on failure and debarment differ from York's, or where that institution calculates years or semesters differently from the York method, the York regulations will normally apply.

## DO YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION?

Our web site contains a great deal of information about the University. We encourage you to visit the site for more detailed information about admission requirements. The URL is <http://www.yorku.ca> (click on Admissions).

You may also contact us in one of the following manners:

#### Admissions Enquiries Service

Telephone: 416-736-5000

Fax: 416-736-5536

#### Office of International Student Recruitment and Admissions

Telephone: 416-736-5825

Fax: 416-736-5741