

CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

Program: COTE
Credential: Ontario College Certificate
Delivery: Full-time
Length: 2 Semesters
Duration: 1 Year
Effective: Fall 2025, Winter 2026
Location: Muskoka

Description

In this program, students develop hands-on skills and gain experience in a variety of construction-related skilled trades. Using project-based learning techniques, students focus on applying the basics of entrepreneurship and sustainability within the construction industry. Students are introduced to a variety of construction focused courses including carpentry, cabinetry, plumbing, electrical techniques, small engine mechanics, drafting and heating and cooling. In addition, students prepare to make informed decisions related to the next steps in their education and careers.

Career Opportunities

Graduates gain a broad range of construction industry skills for general labour as well as entrance into Apprenticeship. Graduates may also elect to continue in a trade-specific techniques post-secondary program.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. identify and use strategies to enhance professional growth and ongoing learning in the construction field;
2. identify and adhere to established health and safety practices;
3. perform all construction tasks in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, codes and ethical practices in the construction field;
4. work in accordance with established sustainability practices;
5. collaborate with a range of tradespersons and project stakeholders to maintain effective working relationships;
6. communicate technical information to a variety of clients, supervisors and tradespersons to participate in the successful completion of construction projects;
7. identify and use industry-specific technologies to support construction projects;
8. solve on-site trade-related construction problems using mathematical equations and geometric concepts;
9. select, maintain and safely operate hand and power tools and equipment used in the building construction trades;
10. assist in the preparation of project estimates;
11. assist skilled tradespersons and perform labouring tasks at construction sites.

Program Progression

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

Fall Intake

- Sem 1: Fall 2025
- Sem 2: Winter 2026

Winter Intake

- Sem 1: Winter 2026
- Sem 2: Fall 2026

Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent with

- Grade 12 English (C or U)

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit for Prior Learning website for details:

www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

Graduation Requirements

12 Program Courses
 1 Communications Course
 1 General Education Course

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

| Semester 1 | | Hours |
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| Program Courses | | |
| CART 1013 | Construction Practices | 70 |
| ELEC 1013 | Electrical Trade Practices | 42 |
| MATH 1007 | Mathematics Techniques | 42 |
| MENG 1003 | Engine Function and Design | 42 |
| PLMB 1000 | Plumbing Theory 1 | 42 |
| PLMB 1001 | Plumbing Practical 1 | 42 |
| Communications Course | | |
| Select 1 course from the communications list during registration. | | 42 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 322 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| Program Courses | | |
| CABT 1012 | Finishing Processes | 28 |

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| CABT 1013 | Joinery and Fastening | 42 |
| CABT 1016 | Finishing Applications | 28 |
| CART 1019 | CAD Drafting | 42 |
| GAST 1000 | Introduction to Electricity | 42 |
| GAST 1003 | Introduction to Gas Appliances | 70 |
| General Education Course | | |
| Select 1 course from the general education list during registration. | | 42 |
| Hours | | 294 |
| Total Hours | | 616 |

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of one year (as stated above) may take a maximum of two years to complete their credential.

After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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