

# RESEARCH ANALYST

**Program:** RAPP

**Credential:** Ontario College Graduate Certificate

**Delivery:** Full-time + Part-time

**Work Integrated Learning:** 1 Co-op Work Term

**Length:** 2 Semesters, plus 1 work term

**Duration:** 1 Year

**Effective:** Fall 2023, Winter 2024

**Location:** Barrie

## Description

In this program, students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and professionalism necessary to conduct applied research in sectors such as marketing, tourism, media, government, public affairs, education, health, non-profit and social service agencies. Students are provided with hands-on experience and focus on the entire research process. Students formulate research questions, develop research designs, collect information from primary and secondary sources, perform data analysis, interpret results, communicate findings, and develop strategic recommendations. Additional features of the program include an emphasis on traditional and emerging qualitative and quantitative methodologies, the use of technology, effective communication processes, and adherence to professional and ethical standards.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates may find opportunities within a variety of public, private, and non-profit organizations, in the fields of marketing, public policy, media, advertising, tourism, human resources, education, needs assessment, and program evaluation. Potential employers include market research firms, private corporations, consulting groups, municipal, provincial and federal government agencies, educational institutions, social agencies, and not-for-profit organizations.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. develop strategic recommendations and outcomes measures based on research evidence, and assess their implications within larger organizational decision processes;
2. apply project management principles, tools, and techniques to scope and efficiently manage a full research process as part of a multidisciplinary team;
3. communicate information in a variety of formats and for different audiences using appropriate presentation tools and techniques;
4. critically evaluate and interpret primary and secondary research data and findings;
5. adhere to professional and ethical standards, and legislative requirements;
6. apply appropriate quantitative and qualitative tools and techniques to collect, analyze, integrate, and interpret primary and secondary research evidence;
7. design, implement, and communicate an applied research project that provides experience in dealing with the theoretical, conceptual, and operational aspects of the entire research process;
8. employ environmentally sustainable practices within the profession;

9. apply basic entrepreneurial strategies to solve problems, and to identify and respond to new opportunities.

## External Recognition

Graduates are exempted from the educational requirements for writing the Certified Marketing Research Professional (CMRP) designation exam. For more information, see “Path 1: Post-Graduate” at the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association’s website: <http://mria-arim.ca/education/cmrip-certification/cmrip-overview> (<http://mria-arim.ca/education/cmrip-certification/cmrip-overview/>).

Credit towards other professional designations also may be possible. These agreements are assessed, revised and updated on a regular basis. Please contact the program co-ordinator for specific details.

## Program Progression

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

### Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2023
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2024
- **Work Term:** Summer 2024

### Winter Intake

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2024
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2024
- **Work Term:** Fall 2024

## Admission Requirements

Ontario College Diploma, Ontario College Advanced Diploma, degree or equivalent.

Typical specialties include psychology, sociology, business, marketing, political science, anthropology, history, tourism, communications, education, health, or philosophy.

## Selection Process

Admission decisions will be based on academic grades.

## Additional Information

Complementary to the learning outcomes, graduates of the Research Analyst Program will have a sense of confidence and competence that enables them to function effectively in a research setting by demonstrating many of the following skills and aptitudes: intellectual curiosity, critical inquiry, problem solving, creativity, initiative, practical experience, negotiation, professionalism, team work and leadership.

## Graduation Requirements

12 Program Courses

1 Co-op Work Term

## Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each

semester. The passing weighted average for promotion through each semester and to graduate is 60%.

## 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
Program Courses		
RAPP 1001	Survey Design and Analysis	42
RAPP 1003	Fundamentals of Statistical Analysis	42
RAPP 1005	Qualitative Research	42
RAPP 1013	Research Tools and Techniques	42
RAPP 1014	Report Writing	42
RAPP 1016	Project Management	42
<b>Hours</b>		<b>252</b>
Semester 2		Hours
Program Courses		
RAPP 1000	Population and Demography	42
RAPP 1007	Advanced Statistical Procedures	42
RAPP 1010	Spreadsheet and Table Management	42
RAPP 1015	Professional Communication	42
RAPP 1017	Data Evaluation	42
RAPP 1018	Capstone Project	42
<b>Hours</b>		<b>252</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>504</b>
Co-op Work Terms		Hours
COOP 1051	Research Analyst Work Term	450
<b>Hours</b>		<b>450</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>450</b>

## 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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