

Envisioning Mohawk's
Online Learning Community

OLC Project Team

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PRE ADMISSIONS: Themes

1. Assessments for Success

- Students being provided with information about Assessment for Success
- Being able to complete assessment on-line?

2. Orientation

- Start Smart Orientation program
- Information
- Feedback surveys
- Orientation Information available on-line

3. Fee Payments and Timetable Selections

- Fee payment, OSAP, Bursaries
- Post-secondary time table selection
- CE course selection/registration

4. “Other Stuff”

- Housing
- Parking
- Books/supplies
- One-card
- Locker

FIRST SEMESTER: 5 Themes

1. Money Matters

- Books: what, where, how much?
- Residence: why, where, how much?
- How can I get OSAP faster? I do not have money for books, parking
- Food/meal plans/making my own food/healthy food
- Financial aid
- Emergency funds
- Paying tuition
- Technology – do I need to buy a laptop? Will my phone be enough for learning?
- Can I find work here?

FIRST SEMESTER: 5 Themes

2. Fitting In

- Residence: Why, where, how much?
- What are my other housing options – how do I find a roommate?
- Who do I know?
- Who are my teachers?
- Where are the parties?
- How do you find clubs, teams, other things to do?

FIRST SEMESTER: 5 Themes

3. Understanding Mohawk

- Where are my classes?
- Where is parking and how do I get a pass
- Where do I get books? Can I buy used?
- How do I get into residence?
- Meal plans/food?
- Who are my teachers?
- Where is the Beer Store/LCBO/other fun stuff
- Shopping?
- Transit: bikes, buses, carpooling, shuttle
- Student Services
- Facilities
- Athletics
- Where do I pay my tuition?
- How do I register/switch/drop courses or CAN I do these things?
- Where do I buy a laptop?
- Where do I get tech support?
- eLearn, website, MoCo: what's the difference?
- Can I find work here?
- Can I change my schedule to suit my full-time job?
- How do you find clubs, teams, other things to do?

FIRST SEMESTER: 5 Themes

4. Health and Wellbeing

- Food/meal plans/make my own food/healthy food
- Health clinic
- Prescriptions
- Athletics
- This is new for me – am I good enough, I feel stressed
- Balancing it all – how will I do this?
- Can I change my schedule to suit my full-time job?
- Can I find work here?

5. FAQ – Most of these could link to an FAQ

SECOND SEMESTER: 5 THEMES

1. Financials : Show me the Money

- Employment (part time, on/off campus, casual, summer)
- Tuition payments
- OSAP
- Bursaries/scholarships: What's available?
- Parking

2. Academics

- How can I do better in school?
 - Reflection: Good, Bad, Ugly
 - Study Skills Workshops
- My grades
 - Upgrade needed? Continuing Ed?
- Class workload/time management
- Books

SECOND SEMESTER: 5 THEMES

3. Social Life/Well Being

- Interest/Social Groups – how to find/connect?
- Events/hooks-up
- Stress Management
 - Student Services
 - DBRAC (Rec Centre)
- Health Clinic
 - Substance Abuse Help
 - Sexual Health

4. Crossroads

- What else can Mohawk offer me
 - Change of programs
- Transfer
 - University or College
 - » What's the process?
 - » Transcripts

SECOND SEMESTER: 5 Themes

5. Becoming a professional

- Networking
- Employers/ co-op placement information
- Job Fairs
- e-Portfolio
- Resume
- Student Services
- Giving Back to the Community
 - Volunteering Opportunities
 - Peer tutor

THIRD | FIFTH SEMESTER: 5 Themes

*inputs reviewed by 3-6 semester students in Eng Tech

Paying for School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSAP – the process• OSAP --supplement for second year when first year was not enough• Part time work options• Bursaries and scholarships (allow others to post things they have found in addition to core assets from Mohawk)• http://educred.it/ - crowd funding education• Funding opportunities for out of province students
Planning for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did things go? What worked, what didn't work?• Confirm courses and credits are logged to your transcript as expected• Tutoring available for this term• Opportunity to build in or link self assessment tools/learning styles tools• Study planning/organizing tools- available in eLearn and on net• Peer inputs on techniques that work and don't work• http://educred.it/ - crowd funding education• Entrance interview with faculty - where am I in my career/educational trajectory - SWOT analysis

Resume Builders

- How do I get involved in things so I have things to put on my resume?
- Where do I go for resumes, references, e-portfolios?
- Advice on building resumes for different programs of study- what managers look for and hire for
- Where to look for co-ops or volunteer opportunities
- How to become a peer tutor
- How to ask for references- what works, who to choose

Options at Mohawk

- How does my withdrawal affect my advancement in my Program of Study and Co-op placements?
- Planning for Co-op
- Can I transfer/get advanced standing if I transfer into another program at Mohawk?
- What if I failed a course? What are my options for make-up (options, costs, equivalencies)?

Focus for the Future

- Will my marks be accepted for transfer to another college, a university?
- Is there a university/college fair so I can find other options?
- Are my grades good enough to go a university - Brock, Laurier, McMaster?
- Is there an employer fair so I can start looking for FT work?
- How do I start my own business? - mentorship, funding, support, finance, legal issues, marketing, public relations

FINAL SEMESTER: 5 THEMES

1. Graduation process | steps

- includes the event of convocation (applications, deadlines, fees, photos, garb rentals, diploma, convocation dates, guest tickets)
- general housekeeping responsibilities | common requests: paying back OSAP; continued access to resources info; email accounts

2. Pathways to complementary education

- transferability of courses or certificate | diploma
- internal versus external options with environmental scans
- ordering transcripts and getting reference letters

The above could both be interactive decision trees | choose your own adventures

FINAL SEMESTER: 5 THEMES

3. Career exploration | pathways | discovery

- include current wages and forecasting | outlook (similar to [Working in Canada](#) info)
- map complementary programs, skills, and | or attributes e.g. infographics
- email blasts of latest info and find where they are virtually e.g. LinkedIn, FB
- preparing resume, references, professional social media sites, list of employers, contacting employers, preparing for interviews, rights and unions, understanding contracts
- what agencies are there to help: Business Development Centres, St. Leonard's, Business loans & grants,
- financial planning | fluency: credit cards, budgeting, income tax, investing
- OSAP repayment options

FINAL SEMESTER: 5 THEMES

4. Professional development

- current list of professional orgs and associations
- preferred social media groups and platforms
- mini-conferences (virtual or f2f), speakers' series

5. Continued personal development

- preferred social media groups and platforms
- psychological shifts from student mentality to professional
- mini-conferences, lecture series (virtual or f2f)
- recruit recent grads for outreach, recruitment, and marketing campaigns

These three require several, different communication strategies