

RESEARCHING AND CHOOSING A SCHOOL

This section is to help you determine what school best suits your learning style and training needs. It is your responsibility to investigate all of the available courses in your chosen field. If available, gather the information from a minimum of three (3) schools and indicate which one you have chosen.

These questions will help you make the best choice when researching a training provider.

OPTION # 1

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

School: **Fanshawe College**

Contact person: **Office of the Registrar** Phone: **519-452-4277**

Is this school registered as a Private Career College in Ontario? **No**

If no, please explain: **Publicly funded college**

Is this course eligible for OSAP funding? **Yes**

Is this training provider certified to give T2202A tuition tax receipts? **Yes**

PROGRAM/CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

General Arts and Science – One Year (English Language Studies)

This course is offered: ☒ Full time

This program is the English Language Studies stream of the General Arts and Science program. It is designed for students who speak English as their second language and need to improve their language skills for purposes of entering university or college career programs. Only domestic students (i.e. citizens, permanent residents, refugee claimants) would be admissible to this program. International students in Canada on a visitor's visa or study permit should enrol in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program at Fanshawe College.

Applicant Selection Criteria:

Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available spaces in the program, the Applicant Selection Criteria will be:

1. Preference for Permanent Residence of Ontario.
2. Permanent Residents of Canada
3. Receipt of Application by February 1st.

COURSE DETAILS

London Campus

Program length (# Weeks): **2 semesters: 32 weeks**

Number of hours per week: **22 classroom hours; 3 self-directed lab hours**

Program start date: **September 2014**

Program finishes date: **April 2015**

Is this start date flexible? **No**

Other start dates: **January 2015, May 2015**

COST OF TRAINING COURSE/PROGRAM:

Cost of training/course program: (Based on 2013/2014 tuition fees)
(Fees for 2014/2015 available June 2014)

	Level 1	Level 2
Fees/Tuition:	\$1,828.04	\$1,828.04
Books:	Based upon course selection	Based upon course selection
Expendable Supplies: Stationary, copies, flash drive	\$250.00	\$250.00
Field Trips & Local Transportation	\$80.00	\$80.00
OCAS Application Fee:	\$95.00	
Totals:	\$2,173.04	\$2,158.04

Total Cost: \$4,331.08

Note:

Tuition fees are charged per term. Students who pay less than the Total Balance Due in one payment and have met the minimum payment to be registered will be assigned a payment plan with due dates. The installment payment plan is subject to a non-refundable payment plan administration fee of 6.25% of the balance owing after the first payment is received. **The payment plan administration fee is charged once per term.**

Other Information:

Students admitted to the program should write a diagnostic test which will assess their competence in basic English.

Students who successfully complete the requirements for an Ontario College Certificate and wish to continue in the General Arts and Science program to complete the requirements for an Ontario College Diploma must complete an "Application for Program Transfer" form available from the Office of the Registrar, Room E1012.

Students admitted to the program should be aware that due to the nature of the program, course availability may vary from term to term.

The General Studies Major is also offered on a part-time basis.

The General Arts and Science program does not offer the necessary pre-requisite courses for admission into the Nursing program, and, therefore, cannot be considered in lieu of the stated secondary school requirements for the Nursing program. Applicants who lack the secondary school requirements for the Nursing program should consider applying to the Fanshawe College Pre-Health Science program.

Admission related fees, when applicable:

» English Language Evaluation Test (ELE) - \$60.00

- For applicants for whom English is not their first language.

» Subject Challenge Exams - \$96.00

Challenge Exams are used for admissions purposes:

- When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not have proof of a grade (i.e. English, Math, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics). The challenge exam shows that the individual has the skill set that meets the minimum grade requirement.
- When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not meet the minimum grade requirement.

**** Challenge exams cannot be used in lieu of a subject requirement when prior learning has not been completed.****

EVALUATING THE SCHOOL / FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

1. Did you meet the instructor/s prior to selecting this school? Please explain.
2. Have you contacted local employers to see if the training is acceptable to them?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Does this school have a solid reputation in the community? **Yes. Fanshawe College is one of 24 publicly funded Community Colleges in Ontario and is one of the largest colleges in Ontario.**
4. Are the standards and licenses recognized by Governments and Occupational Associations? **Yes**

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE SCHOOL

1. What are the methods of instruction and time spent on each?
☒ lectures **20%** ☒ hands-on practice **20%** ☒ teacher- led **60%**
☐ self-paced ___% ☐ demonstrations ___% ☐ technology-based instruction___%
2. What certification will you get upon completion of this course? **Certificate**
3. Please explain how your progress will be monitored and reported (method and frequency). **Evaluations from instructor including, but not limited to tests, assignments, quizzes.**
4. How many hours of home study are expected per week? **10 hours.**
5. Are detailed course descriptions available to prospective students? **Yes. If YES, obtain copies and include with Training Research Guide.**
6. What resources are available if you require additional help while in training?

Fanshawe College offers a wide range of student services to support your success at college:

- **English and Math tutoring**
- **Peer Tutors to assist students having difficulty in a specific course**
- **Study skills workshops and tutoring offered throughout the year for learners who need to brush up on academic skills**
- **Personal, academic and career counselling is available to all students**
- **Specialized support services for mature students**
- **A full range of services and academic accommodations to support the success of students with disabilities**
- **Help with job finding strategies, resume and cover letter assistance, and job interview skills. A job bank lists full-time and part-time opportunities.**

In addition, the following services are available to all students:

- **A full-service Library/Resource Centre, including a Virtual Library for easy 24/7 access and media loans**
- **Financial Aid Office, including bursary assistance**
- **Awards and Scholarships**

7. What percentage of students who are enrolled in the course successfully complete it?
80%.
8. What academic counseling is available prior to starting school and during the training period?

Staff offer pre-admission planning and academic advice and information for those considering admission to Fanshawe College.

Fanshawe College has a Student Success Advisor in every school and campus who is dedicated to helping students achieve academic success. Student Success Advisors can discuss program progression as well as helping students connect with tutoring, study skills workshops and other academic supports. In addition, due to their close ties with faculty they are notified about students experiencing academic challenges early in the program.

9. How does the school accommodate the needs of adult learners? **The College has considerable experience with adult learners and has specialists available to assist learners with study skills, success strategies, learning and other disabilities. Program coordinators are familiar with the needs of adult learners and will provide assistance to students on a one to one basis.**
10. What are the qualifications of the instructor(s)? **All have University Degrees, TOEFL and IELTS training and experience.**
11. Do students have the opportunity to evaluate the instructor and the course? **Yes. Instructional feedback surveys are completed for each course.**
12. Does the institution have publicized policies dealing with human rights issues? **Yes**
13. Are you allowed to audit a few classes? **Yes, with a fee.**
14. Will the school provide references (e.g. signed release forms, past graduates and /or current students)? If not, why? **Yes**
15. Will there be a practicum or work placement? **No**
16. How does the institution support continuing education/upgrading for graduates in this field of work? **Career Programming for Adult Learners and In a Day Workshops are available through the course guide.**
17. How does the institution make an effort to place its graduates in jobs after completion of the program? **Job Connect and Career Services works with graduates to help them achieve meaningful employment.**
18. What percentage of graduates from this training find work in a field related to their training? **According to our Key Performance indicators, 92% of Fanshawe College Graduates achieve employment after they've completed their studies.**
19. List employers who hire graduates from this course. **This program is intended for students wanting to develop academic English skills that will equip them for post-secondary study in college or university programs.**
20. How will the credentials you receive be recognized by the industry/employer/sector?

Fanshawe College is well recognized across Ontario and across Canada and has been in business since 1967. As one of the largest Community Colleges in Ontario our graduates are sought after by employers. Fanshawe College is the largest Cooperative Education College in Canada and as such has strong linkages with employers in the communities it serves. All Fanshawe Programs are evaluated by employers every 3-5 years.

Students who graduate from Level 5 of GAP5 with “B” standing may use that achievement as proof of their English language proficiency for admission to Fanshawe College programs. GAP5 graduation from Level 5 with “A”s in all courses will be recognized as proof of language proficiency for admission to the University of Western Ontario, King’s University College, Huron University College, and Brescia University College.