

Information about CEGEPS

What does the word CEGEP mean?

- It means *Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel* or *College of General and vocation Education*. There are 48 public and 13 private CEGEPS in Quebec.

Which CEGEPS are English-language?

Public CEGEPS

- *Champlain Regional College*: (4650 students) has campuses in Saint-Lambert (Longueuil Metro) www.ChamplainOnLine.com, Lennoxville www.crc-lennox.qc.ca and Quebec city www.slc.qc.ca
- *Cégep de la Gaspésie - English Section* is located on the East Coast in the town of Gaspé. The campus offers programs in both English (100 students) and French (600 students) sectors. Students may straddle the two sectors to improve their second language skills. www.cgaspesie.qc.ca/english
- *Dawson College* (7450 students) is located on Sherbrooke Street in downtown Montreal. www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca
- *Heritage College* (800 students) is located in Gatineau, in the heart of the National Capital Region. www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca
- *John Abbott College* (5,500 students) has one campus in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. The campus provides residence facilities for 200 students. www.johnabbott.qc.ca
- *Vanier College* (5,700 students) has one campus located on Ste. Croix Avenue in St. Laurent. www.vaniercollege.qc.ca

Private CEGEPS

- College Bart, has a campus on Côte Abraham in Quebec City.www.bart.qc.ca
- Centennial Academy, avenue Prud'homme in Montreal.
www.centennial.qc.ca/college/
- Collège LaSalle, rue Ste Catherine in Montreal.www.clasalle.qc.ca
- Collège O'Sullivan, has a campus in Montreal on de la Montagne (www.osullivan.edu) and another in Quebec city on Saint-Jean (www.osullivan-quebec.qc.ca).
- Marianopolis College (1,700 students) has one campus on Côte des Neiges Road in downtown Montréal.www.marianopolis.edu

What types of programs are available?

- Most CEGEPS offer two kinds of programs: the 2-year general programs for students who wish to continue their education at the university level and the 3-year specialized career programs designed for students who wish to enter the labour force upon graduation.

Tell me more about the pre-university sector:

- The majority of CEGEPS offer most of the pre-university programs leading to a Diploma of college Studies (DEC). The main pre-university programs are the DEC in Sciences, the DEC in Social Sciences and the DEC in Creative Arts, Literature and Languages.

What type of technical programs are available?

- The CEGEPS offer approximately 140 career programs and in 5 major fields
- 1. Biological Science Careers (e.g.: Dental Hygiene, Biomedical Laboratory Technology, Respiratory & Anesthesia Technology, Diagnostic Imaging, Animal Health, Nursing, etc.)
- 2. Physical Science Careers (e.g.: Architectural Technology, Civil Engineering technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Industrial Electronics, Computer and Digital Systems, Aircraft maintenance, etc.)
- 3. Social Careers (e.g.: Police Technology, Early Childhood Education; Special Care Counselling; Social Service, etc.)
- 4. Administrative Careers (e.g.: Accounting & Management Technology, Business management, Office Systems Technology, Tourism, etc.)
- 5. Applied Arts Careers (e.g.: Professional Music and Song Techniques, Professional Theatre, Interior Design, Graphic Design, etc.)
- Enrolment in career programs is limited; therefore admission may be competitive. Career program graduates may pursue further studies at the university level. See your school guidance counsellor for more information.

What do I need to get into CEGEP?

- The basic entrance requirement for any program offered in the CEGEPS is the Quebec Diploma of Secondary Studies, which must include:
 - 4 credits MATHEMATICS Secondary IV
 - 4 credits HISTORY Secondary IV
 - 4/6 credits SCIENCES Secondary IV
 - 2 credits ARTS ED. (drama, art, dance, music) Secondary IV
 - 6 credits ENGLISH Secondary V
 - 4 credits FRENCH Secondary V
 - 2 credits ETHICS & REL. CUL . OR PHYSICAL ED. Secondary V
- For many programs, additional courses are required. These are called prerequisites. See your guidance counsellor for more information.

Where do I get an application form?

- Most cegeps now offer online application. See your guidance counsellor for more information.

Is there an application deadline?

- Yes. The deadline for application is March 1st for admission to the Fall semester and November 1st for the Winter semester. Applications received after the deadline will be considered late and will be reviewed only if there are any places left after all the applications received by the deadline have been evaluated.

What are the CEGEP diploma requirements?

- To receive a D.E.C (Diploma of Collegial Studies) students must successfully complete a prescribe pattern of studies which includes English, French, Humanities, Complementary, Physical Education and Concentration/specialization courses. In addition, an English Exit Exam and a program comprehensive assessment are required to graduate.

Is CEGEP difficult?

- CEGEP is different than high school It is a higher level of education designed to give you the "smarts" and skills for university or the job market. By recognizing that it is different, you should be aware of some of the academic adjustments you will have to make next year.

Increased Workload

- Your academic workload will increase significantly compared to high school. Instead of studying one or two hours per evening, you will have to prepare yourself for three or four hours of study. Since CEGEP students only have each course two or three times per week, expect that the interval between classes will be filled with assignments and required reading.

Conflicting Deadlines

- Sometimes it seems that CEGEP teachers love to "gang up" on new students by assigning term papers and tests all with the same deadline. Welcome to CEGEP and its characteristic two "crunch" periods per semester: mid-term and end-of-term. These are normal testing and evaluation periods for every CEGEP course.

More Reading

- In a typical English course, you can expect to read at least three major works. CEGEP teachers won't give you class time to catch up on your reading nor discuss it in such [little] detail that you can skip the required reading. The textbooks will also be longer and more complex.

More Writing

- For most high school students, a normal paper is 300-500 words. In CEGEP, the norm becomes 1,500 words. CEGEP papers are more research oriented and require students to learn a standard format for footnotes, outline and bibliography.

Participating in Class Discussions

- Most CEGEP teachers give marks for class participation. To many new students, this prospect can be terrifying because they're afraid of "looking stupid" in front of their classmates and teacher. This fear can even prevent them from asking questions during class, which can further add to their confusion.