

# Class of 2022

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# Credit Checks

- ▶ The first round of credit checks for all Grade 12 students has been done (for graduation NOT post-secondary requirements). Ultimately, **students are responsible** for ensuring they have met any specific requirements they may have.
- ▶ A potential graduation list will be posted outside the main office on October 1, 2021. Students should check that they are on it and that their legal names are spelled correctly.
- ▶ Students will be provided with a personalized credit check and transcript form.



Halifax West High  
Student Services

## Graduation Application & Credit Check

**For students who started  
grade 10 in 2017-18 or later**

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

HR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Earned  
Credits: 15.0**

<b>18-19</b>			
CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY 10	10	1.00	
ENGLISH 10	10	1.00	
CORE FRENCH 10	10	1.00	
MATHEMATICS 10	10	2.00	
MUSIC 10	10	1.00	
PHYSICALLY ACTIVE LIVING 11	11	1.00	
SCIENCE 10	10	1.00	
<b>19-20</b>			
ACCOUNTING 11 ACADEMIC	11	1.00	
AFRICAN CANADIAN STUDIES 11	11	1.00	
ENGLISH 11	11	1.00	
MATHEMATICS 11	11	1.00	
PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY 11	11	1.00	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11	11	1.00	
PHYSICS 11	11	1.00	

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BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY 11	11	/Final	
ENGLISH 12	12	/Final	
ENTREPRENEURSHIP 12	12	/Final	
GLOBAL GEOGRAPHY 12	12	/Final	
MATHEMATICS 12	12	/Final	
PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY 12	12	/Final	

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English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Math	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fine Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	PE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can.Stud	<input type="checkbox"/>	Global	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tech/Math/Sci	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Potential Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

No more than 7 Gr.10 Credits? \_\_\_\_\_

Has 5 Gr.12 Courses?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Potential Credits Verified by**

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All students MUST complete the following information. The form will be verified by a counsellor, and student names will be on the Grad List. Students will be advised of any problems found. If you change any of the above courses, you MUST fill out a new form.

1. Is the above information complete & correct in every detail? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_. If No, please identify the problem

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you received High School Credits not listed Above? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_. IF Yes, name other school(s) you have attended \_\_\_\_\_ and the years \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you planning to receive new credits from another source (night school, correspondence, etc)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_. If Yes, name the source \_\_\_\_\_ and the course(s) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please Tell us any other information which you feel will affect your ability to graduate next June.

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify this information to be correct, sign \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.

## Graduation Requirements

- ▶ **TOTAL OF 18 CREDITS**
- ▶ 3 ENGLISH 10,11, and 12
- ▶ 3 MATH\*
- ▶ 2 SCIENCE (Sci10 or Bio11 or Phy11 or Chem 11) plus one
- ▶ 1 OTHER (Math, Science OR Tech)
- ▶ 1 Canadian STUDIES (MkQ11,CanHis11,Acs11)
- ▶ 1 GLOBAL STUDIES (Ggs12/Hgs12)
- ▶ 1 FINE ARTS (Art, Music or Drama)
- ▶ 1 PAL, PHE or Yoga
- ▶ No more than 7 grade 10 credits towards 18 mandatory credits
- ▶ Min. 5 grade 12 credits

# University Prep Courses



- ▶ Dal: Faculty of Open Learning & Development (formerly Continuing Education)
- ▶ <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/open.html>
- ▶ SMU
- ▶ <https://www.smu.ca/uprep/welcome.html>
- ▶ STFX
- ▶ <https://www.mystfx.ca/continuingeducation/university-preparation-courses>
- ▶ NSCC
- ▶ [https://www.nsc.ca/learning\\_programs/programs/plandescr.aspx?prg=ACC&pln=ACCONNECT](https://www.nsc.ca/learning_programs/programs/plandescr.aspx?prg=ACC&pln=ACCONNECT)

# myBlueprint



- ▶ What is myBlueprint?
- ▶ Student portfolios and career planning resources
- ▶ Visit the link on HWHS home page or go to <https://myblueprint.ca/>
- ▶ From there you can set up an account

# What next? Work



- ▶ Social Insurance #
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ References
- ▶ Benefits (medical, dental, paid time off, pension plan)
- ▶ Opportunities for Training and Advancement (example: some companies offer tuition support)

# What next? College?



- ▶ Diplomas or Certificates – one or two year programs
- ▶ Generally have COOP placements or internships
- ▶ NSCC, NBCC, Ontario Colleges (OCAS), numerous colleges across Canada
- ▶ Private institutions



# Gap year



- ▶ What is a gap year?
- ▶ According to the Gap Year Association:
  - ▶ “A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one’s practical, professional, and personal awareness.”
- ▶ Ask yourself:
  - ★ Am I ready to choose a major?
  - ★ Travel, experience other cultures?
  - ★ Learn a new language?
  - ★ Gain work experience before post-secondary?
- ▶ **School of Life:**
  - ▶ Growth, self-discovery, step outside your comfort zone
  - ▶ Can help you clarify career path.
  - ▶ Prepares you for higher learning (some schools encourage gap years)
  - ▶ Reduces academic burnout

# NSCC

- ▶ To apply: Current high school students can provide NS Student ID Number, which can be found on your high school transcript or in PowerSchool (10-digit number that starts with a 3).
- ▶ Apply ASAP, don't wait! Typically, it is a first-come first-served basis for admission and many programs get wait-listed.
- ▶ Students can **apply for free** during Virtual Open House planned for the end of October (dates to be announced shortly). Application fees are typically \$25 for domestic applicants and \$75 for international applicants.
- ▶ Admission requirements vary by program. Typically require high school completion (no minimum average), others require specific high school courses and grades.
- ▶ Details can be found under the Admission Requirements section
- ▶ [https://www.nsc.ca/admissions/applying/admission\\_requirements.asp](https://www.nsc.ca/admissions/applying/admission_requirements.asp)
- ▶ Programs can be found here:
- ▶ [https://www.nsc.ca/learning\\_programs/programs/programs-by-area-of-interest/index.asp](https://www.nsc.ca/learning_programs/programs/programs-by-area-of-interest/index.asp)

## What Next? University?



- ▶ 4 year Undergraduate (Bachelor) Degree (BA, BSc, BComm, BEng, etc)
- ▶ majors, minors, concentration
- ▶ COOP
- ▶ Can transfer some credits and switch degrees
- ▶ Scholarship decisions and entrance to limited programs will be based on grade 11 marks (predictors) and first semester marks this year

## Admission Requirements & Acceptable Courses



- ▶ Dal Admission Requirements
- ▶ [https://www.dal.ca/admissions/undergraduate/hs\\_applicants.html](https://www.dal.ca/admissions/undergraduate/hs_applicants.html)
- ▶ MSVU Admission Requirements
- ▶ <https://www.msvu.ca/future-students/admission-requirements/high-school-students/>
- ▶ SMU Admission Requirements
- ▶ <https://www.smu.ca/future-students/cs-admission-requirements.html>
- ▶ Carleton University - Acceptable Gr. 12 Courses
- ▶ <https://admissions.carleton.ca/requirements/nova-scotia/acceptable-nova-scotia-grade-12-courses/>
- ▶ Queen's University - Acceptable Gr. 12 Courses
- ▶ <https://www.queensu.ca/admission/content/nova-scotia>

## Bachelor of Science



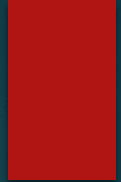
- ▶ Schools have different minimum mark requirements and different acceptance averages
- ▶ MSVU –English 12, Math 12 or Pre Cal 12, 1 Science plus 2 others
- ▶ SMU –English 12, Pre Cal 12, 1 Science, plus 2 others
- ▶ Dal –English 12, Pre Cal 12 plus 3 others

## Application vs Acceptance Averages



- ▶ McGill admission averages
- ▶ <https://www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/apply/requirements/canadian>
- ▶
- ▶ Guelph admission grades
- ▶ <https://admission.uoguelph.ca/canadian/cutoffs>

## Do the Research



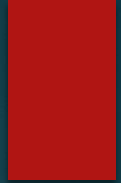
- ▶ Costs (travel, tuition, textbooks, supplies, residence/apartment, etc)
- ▶ Meal Plans
- ▶ Employability in the field
- ▶ Campus Activities and/or work opportunities
- ▶ Class size for first year classes
- ▶ Supports Available
- ▶ Talk to current/former students
- ▶ DEADLINES (Admission, scholarship, residence, etc)
- ▶ In-person vs Online (Synchronous/Asynchronous)



- ▶ **MUN and IB Credits**
- ▶ <https://www.mun.ca/undergrad/admissions/international-baccalaureate-transfer-credits/>
- ▶ **Dal & IB Credits**
- ▶ <https://www.dal.ca/admissions/undergraduate/specific-course-requirements/ib.html>
- ▶ **There will be additional information for IB Students/Parents from IB Coordinator. TBA pending Public Health Guidelines.**



## Application Process



- ▶ Online
- ▶ Many institutions within the Atlantic provinces have a March 1st or 15th 2022 deadline to be considered for Entrance Scholarships based on marks. Please note there are universities with deadlines in mid January for limited entry programs.
- ▶ Outside the Atlantic provinces, the date varies, usually earlier than above. It is the Student's responsibility to check with the school of his/her choice.
- ▶ Early Admissions - based on gr. 11 marks; usually for strong students
- ▶ NSCC –Apply NOW! Online or Paper

## Online Applications



▶ Dalhousie  
▶ [https://www.dal.ca/admissions/apply/applying\\_for\\_undergraduate\\_studies.html](https://www.dal.ca/admissions/apply/applying_for_undergraduate_studies.html)

▶ King's  
▶ <https://ukings.ca/admissions/apply-to-kings/undergraduate/>

▶ MSVU Application  
▶ <https://www.msvu.ca/future-students/apply-now/undergraduate-application/>

▶ SMU  
<https://www.smu.ca/future-students/cs-apply-online.html>

NSCC  
[https://apply.nsc.ca/psc/APPLY/EMPLOYEE/SA/c/NSCC\\_MODS.NS\\_OLA\\_LOGIN1.GBLPAGE=NS\\_OLA\\_LOGIN1?&](https://apply.nsc.ca/psc/APPLY/EMPLOYEE/SA/c/NSCC_MODS.NS_OLA_LOGIN1.GBLPAGE=NS_OLA_LOGIN1?&)



- ▶ Universities in Nova Scotia and NSCC can access student transcripts if the provincial 300# found on Powerschool and ID cards is provided on applications with consent to access.
- ▶ Students with transfer credits may be required to show original documents from schools outside Nova Scotia.
- ▶ Students applying to schools outside of NS can order transcripts from the guidance secretary, Ms. Myers). These are ready in 2-3 business days.



- ▶ Ontario Universities:
- ▶ Central Application OUAC
- ▶ <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>
- ▶ \$156 for first three; \$50 for each additional school; plus supplementary fees ranging from \$69 (Carleton University) to \$90 (U of T) , supplemental fees from \$40-60 for specific programs
- ▶ Send transcripts directly to the institutions (request them from HWHS guidance office)
- ▶ Ontario Colleges:
- ▶ Central Application
- ▶ <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/>



- ▶ SAT/ACT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) has all pertinent information and registration
- ▶ SAT Registration # -825400
- ▶ See SAT website for local test dates (register well in advance)
- ▶ Walk on (if space available, extra)

# Private Post Secondary Institutions

- ▶ Examples:
- ▶ Centre for Arts and Technology
- ▶ Hair Design Centre
- ▶ Atlantic Flight Attendant Academy Limited
- ▶ Canadian College of Massage Hydrotherapy
- ▶ Carpenter Millwright Trades College (CMTC) Inc.
- ▶ ICT @ Northumberland College
- ▶ Maritime School of Paramedicine
- ▶ Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education Society
- ▶ Nova Scotia Firefighters School
- ▶ Ravensberg College (police cadet training)

# How to finance my education!

- ▶ Register with on-line scholarship/awards search sites such as Scholarships Canada and Scholar Tree.
- ▶ Check with parents' employment /union, students' employers and community organizations if you are involved (i.e. Boys and Girls Club, Church, cadets, scouts, guides...).
- ▶ Announcements at HWHS (available on HWHS homepage)
- ▶ Many scholarship, bursary and award opportunities are updated on a regular basis on the [guidance website](#)

# Entrance Awards

- ▶ Check post-secondary institution website for named entrance awards(and deadline dates!). Some require a separate application.
- ▶ Dal Money Matters
- ▶ SMU Money Matters
- ▶ MSVU Money Matters



## HWHS School-Based Awards/Prizes

- ▶ \$100 to \$1500
- ▶ These awards are given out at the graduation ceremony.
- ▶
- ▶ Most are sponsored by community groups such as the Freemasons, Lion's Club, political parties, etc.
- ▶ Different criteria: financial need, disability, post-secondary program or institution, where you live, extra-curricular involvement.
- ▶ Complete a Student Awards Application online in December. Only students who have completed the online database will be considered.
- ▶ DEADLINE April 1, 2022

# Nova Scotia Student Assistance (Student Loans)

- ▶ Applications for September 2022 will be available on-line May 2022.
- ▶ <https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance>

**NS student assistance** (Student loans) has changed a lot over the years.. Which is really good news for you! Many opportunities for grants and loan forgiveness. (ie. free money)

# Student Credit Lines

- ▶ Student Line of Credit: Secured through bank-Draw only what funds you need (interest starts the moment you take the money out)
- ▶ Requires a credit application and a co-signer.
- ▶ Student Loan: (Interest starts 6 months after you graduate)

# Upcoming post-secondary open houses/information sessions

- ▶ Dalhousie Nov. 6th [Register](#) (virtual)
- ▶ University King's College Oct. 23rd [Register](#) (virtual)
- ▶ SMU Oct. 22 & Nov. 20th [For more info.](#)
- ▶ MSVU: TBA
- ▶ Acadia University: [Information](#) (virtual)
- ▶ SFX October 16th [Register](#) (In person)
- ▶ NSCC:TBA [Information](#)

## AARAO: Atlantic Associations of Registrars & Admissions Officers

AARAO hosts post-secondary opportunities fairs for students and their supporters to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location.

Click [here](#) to learn about their virtual booths (open September 29-February, 2022) or to register for their Interactive virtual fair.

A great place to get lots of information and to get some of your questions answers by post-secondary admissions officers and recruiters.

## Post-Secondary Information Sessions

- ▶ To accommodate nearly 500 graduates, we are offering post-secondary information sessions on a variety of topics. Once a student has attended an initial group session, they can then book an individual appointment with their counsellor. (if required)
- ▶ Starting October 4th
- ▶ Each session will be offered once in all blocks (A, B, C, D) over the month.
- ▶ Sign up in Guidance Office
- ▶ Topics: University Applications, Financing your education, Engineering, Nursing & Science, Programs, Commerce and Arts, GAP year.
- ▶ An in-class presentation will be scheduled for students interested in NSCC.

# Self-Advocacy

