

## Second Career (SC): Information to Research Training Institutions

This document can be used as a resource by Employment Service providers with potential SC clients to help research training institutions for SC applications. These resources are not inclusive and more information may be needed by the client to make an informed decision. This should be used in conjunction with any previous tools provided by the Ministry. The resources listed are all currently published information on the Ministry's website.

Documents and Resources	What is it?	Where can I find it?
<p><b>General Information on Institutions and Programs</b></p> <p>This resource is helpful in determining which private career colleges can be approved under Second Career.</p> <p>Both links can be used for general research purposes for each program offered at private career colleges and public colleges.</p>	<p>For private career colleges, the Service Ontario site allows you to search for a private career college to find out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they are registered</li> <li>• If the program is approved</li> <li>• Where they are located</li> <li>• What fees they charge for their programs</li> <li>• If the college is in good standing with the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges</li> </ul> <p>For public colleges, a search engine is available to help find information on each program.</p>	<p>Service Ontario link for private career colleges can be found at: <a href="#">Search for a private career college in Ontario</a></p> <p>Public college program information can be found at: <a href="#">Find a Program</a></p>
<p><b>Program Standards</b></p> <p>This resource may be helpful in determining which programs follow an approved program standard and which will provide the best employable skills.</p>	<p>Provincial program standards for postsecondary training programs describe the learning outcomes required for graduation. In order to graduate, individuals must demonstrate that they can perform specific tasks and have learned pre-defined skills to be successful in employment. Program standards also specify the minimum education (pre-requisite) required to be accepted into the training program.</p> <p>Program standards apply to all similar programs of instruction offered by public colleges across the province. Some programs offered by private career colleges also have provincial standards</p>	<p>Diploma and certificate program standards for private career colleges are listed on the Ministry's website: <a href="#">Private Career Colleges (PCC): Published PCC Program Standards</a></p> <p>Diploma and certificate program standards for public colleges can be found at: <a href="#">College Diploma and Certificate Program Standards</a></p>
<p><b>Ontario Student Loan Default Rates</b></p> <p>This resource may be helpful in providing prospective students with a fuller picture of borrower outcomes. A lower default rate means graduates are more equipped to pay back their OSAP loans beginning 6-months after graduation.</p>	<p>Default rates for private career colleges and public colleges provide the percentage of former students who were issued OSAP loans and who defaulted on repaying these loans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates are provided by institution and by individual program at each institution</li> <li>• The default rates are linked to post-study outcomes, such as employment and earnings</li> <li>• Institutions and programs with low student loan default rates suggest better graduate outcomes as students were able to repay their OSAP loan.</li> <li>• It is important to remember that not all private career colleges apply to be OSAP approved and some will not be listed.</li> </ul>	<p>Default rates for private career colleges and public colleges are available on the Ministry's website: <a href="#">Postsecondary Education Partners' Gateway</a></p>