

In Touch

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Surviving the Transition and Staying in Touch



Never too Early to Seek Summer Employment

Summer employment is an excellent opportunity to save money for the upcoming academic year and gain valuable employment experience. Throughout the summer months, Cambrian employs approximately 60-75 students to work on campus on a full-time basis. Job postings are available through the Student Employment and Co-op Services office. If your student is seeking summer employment elsewhere, consider visiting the following websites:

- www.studentsguide.com
- www.youth.gc.ca
- www.careerccc.org/careerdirections/eng/e_ho_set.htm
- www.free-resume-tips.com
- www.damngood.com
- www.resumeworldinc.com
- www.canadajob.com
- www.workopolis.com
- www.hrhc.gc.ca/common/work.shtml
- www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca

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**For more information, please contact:
the Student Employment Services at 566-8101, extension 7350.**

Not the Right Program for Me!

The Counselling Centre can assist students who are unsure of their career interests and who are having difficulty choosing a College program, or who believe they have chosen the wrong type of program. The Centre utilizes the Strong Interest Inventory, a career exploration tool that provides students with a detailed report. The report is reviewed with the student during a follow-up appointment with a counsellor and is used to provide guidance with respect to career options/directions.

For more information, please contact:
The Counselling Centre at 566-8101, extension 7311.

Registering for 2nd to 4th year

All returning students must pay their fees in full by July 10, 2009. Otherwise, they must fill out the Tuition Fee Payment Agreement Form and return it to the Office of the Registrar along with a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$150 by July 10. Students who have not registered online must also attend Registration Day on Thursday, September 3, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Barrydowne campus to finalize their registration.

**For more information, please contact:
the Office of the Registrar at 566-8101, extension 3003.**

Convocation

Cambrian's 2009 graduating class will be honoured during four ceremonies – two on Thursday, May 28, and two on Friday, May 29 at the College's Barrydowne campus. Bouquets of flowers, wine, and frames can be purchased in advance and will be available for pick up at the ceremony. An order form will be mailed to graduating students in March.

**For more information, please contact:
the Cambrian Alumni Office at 566-8101, extension 7414,
or visit www.went2cambrian.com.**

College/University Agreements

Cambrian College has signed a number of articulation agreements that ensure Cambrian graduates and university graduates have the opportunity to further their education and enhance their credentials. These agreements formally recognize credits earned at each institution and facilitate the transfer of these credits toward degrees and/or diplomas. These agreements provide a very cost efficient means for students to pursue a university degree after obtaining a diploma, by reducing educational expenses typically of a four-year degree to two years (estimate). Cambrian College currently has more than 136 university/college agreements in place.

**For more information, please visit
www.cambriancollege.ca/_About_Cambrian/articulation/articulation.cfm**



Applying for Residence

For a student beginning his or her studies in September, applications to residence can be made as soon as the student has:

- 1) confirmed an offer of admission, and
- 2) paid the tuition deposit.

Once a student has completed these two steps, he or she can then apply for residence and pay the residence deposit online through Student 411. A paper application form will also be available. Applications for residence received with the required deposit by April 20, 2009, will be given priority. If applications exceed available rooms, students entering their first year will be given priority, followed by lottery selections. The status of residence applications will be posted to Student 411 accounts the week of April 20, 2009.

For more information, please contact the Residence office at 566-8101, extension 7583 or 7209.



Off-Campus Housing

Cambrian's Off-Campus Housing list, found online under "Residence," provides an up-to-date listing of apartments, houses, and room-and-board opportunities. Also, the Cambrian Residence office provides a service for students seeking housing. During the summer months, students can stay in Residence for \$40/night while they look for off-campus housing (accommodations). Residence staff will provide assistance along with city maps and other city information.

**For more information, please contact:
the Residence office at 566-8101,
extension 7583 or 7209.**

Library and Learning Commons

The Library and Learning Commons supports and enhances learning and teaching pathways for students, staff, graduates, and the community.

Benefits include:

- Access to a dynamic, resource-rich facility that is also the location for the College's Computer Help Service Desk and the Desktop 411 instruction lab.
- An expanded space for informal, social learning and the sharing of knowledge.
- A computing commons with over 70 PC and Mac workstations and duplex printing.
- Improved study spaces, including eight group study rooms.
- An expanded high-tech classroom that can be used for information literacy classes, or be divided into two seminar rooms for smaller classes or group work.
- A media viewing/listening room.
- A quiet study hall and quiet study rooms.
- A wireless network environment plus accessible power and data connections at many locations.
- A Quality Teaching Resource Centre (QTRC) space for faculty development.
- Searchable library holdings from any Internet-connected computer and improved circulation features.

Library hours:

Monday to Thursday — 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday — 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday — 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
the Library at 566-8101, extension 7333.



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Important Dates

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| March 2-6: | Reading Week |
| April 4: | Spring Open House |
| May 1: | Semester ends for most programs |
| May 8: | Grades will be posted on Student 411 |
| May 18: | Victoria Day – College Closed |
| May 28-29: | Convocation Ceremonies |

Applying for OSAP

If your student requires OSAP, beginning in early May, 2009, applications will be available online at <http://osap.gov.on.ca>. Your student should apply before June to ensure funds will be available in early September, he/she must also book an appointment on-line with Financial Aid in order to receive his/her funds. Remember, students are required to save and contribute to fund their education even if they are an OSAP recipient.

**For more information, please contact:
the Financial Aid Office at 566-8101, extension 7340.**

Passing Grade

For most programs, a passing grade is a D. Each final mark is used to calculate the Grade Point Average (GPA). However, several programs require that students have a higher passing grade in order to graduate from their program or to be eligible to apply for other College programs. Passing grades are noted in the course outline for each program, which can be found on Acadnet, Cambrian's Academic Intranet, accessible to students, which provide the users of the college network many different resources that will be of use. The following are the letter grades used to calculate the Grade Point Average (GPA):

A (80-100%) = 4 pts

B (70-79%) = 3 pts

C (60-69%) = 2 pts

D (50-59%) = 1 pts

F (0-49%) = 0 pts