

In Touch

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Surviving the Transition and Staying in Touch

Defining Success

How do you define success in your students' education? Is it passing with a 4.0 grade point average, being all-Canadian academic athlete of the year, or president of a club or committee? As Will Rogers said, "It's great to be great, but it's better to be human." Everyone has their own definition of success and yours could differ from your students'. It is up to you and your student to create your own definition of academic success. When your student finds a place where he/she can achieve success, he/she will become productive members of society. As parents/companions, you have the responsibility to support your student by opening doors and listening to their interests. When the school and the home work together to maximize student success, students are empowered to achieve their full potential.



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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 that particular 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**. Acadnet is accessible to students and provides the users of the College network many useful resources. 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

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.



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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 college/university agreements in place.



For more information, please visit www.cambrianc.on.ca/_About_Cambrian/articulation/articulation.cfm

Applying for Residence

Since residence rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis for **all** students, the chances of obtaining on-campus accommodations are increased for students whose applications are completed and returned quickly. Applications will be accepted beginning April 2, 2007.



Off-Campus Housing Service Offered

Cambrian's off-campus housing list, found online under "Residence," provides an up-to-date listing of apartments, houses, and room-and-board opportunities. In April, the Cambrian Residence office will launch a new service for students seeking housing. During the summer months, students can stay in Residence for \$40/night while they look for off-campus housing. Residence staff will provide assistance as well as city maps and other city information.

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

Registering for 2nd to 4th year

All returning students must pay their fees in full by July 21, 2007. 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 21. Students must also attend Registration Day on Wednesday, August 30 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 2007 graduating class will be honoured during four ceremonies – two on Thursday, May 24 and two on Friday, May 25 at the College's Barrydowne campus. Bouquets of flowers, wine (with an Alumni label), 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 by phone at 566-8101, extension 7414, or by email at www.went2cambrian.com

Student Employment and Co-op Services

The Student Employment and Co-op Services office at Cambrian coordinates student and graduate employment activities and provides students, graduates, and employers with a variety of information and services, including:

- Career counselling
- Assistance with resume writing and cover letters
- Assistance with interview preparation, including mock interviews
- An on-campus work program
- Access to employment postings for full-time, part-time, co-op and summer positions
- An annual career and job fair that is held in February of each year
- Year-round job posting service for employers
- Facilities for employers to conduct interviews on campus
- Direct referral services to employers

Full-time, part-time, summer, on-campus, and contract jobs submitted to Employment Services are posted on **www.workopolisCampus.com** as well as on bulletin boards that are easily accessible by students and graduates and are located outside of the Employment Services office. To be eligible for on-campus employment, students must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0 and demonstrate financial need.

Office Hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Never too Early to Seek Summer Employment

Summer employment is an excellent opportunity to save money for the upcoming academic year and gain valuable experience in the working field. Cambrian employs approximately 60-75 students throughout the summer months 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, please consider visiting the following websites:

- 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

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

Applying for OSAP

If your student requires OSAP, beginning May 2, 2007, 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.

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Important Dates

- March 10-11:** Traditional PowWow at Cambrian
- April 6:** Good Friday – College Closed
- April 9:** Easter Monday – College Open (Regular Classes)
- April 14:** Spring Open House
- April 27:** Semester ends for most programs
- May 21:** Victoria Day – College Closed
- May 24-25:** Convocation Ceremonies

New Links

1. All Destinations Have Value (ADHV):

All Destinations Have Value is a project, funded through School • College • Work • Initiative (SCWI), which was created to promote the value of a postsecondary education to grade 9 and 10 students. The multi-media presentation incorporates student testimonials and a PowerPoint presentation to assure students that they can be academically, socially, and vocationally successful through a college education.

Watch for the link, coming soon, to Cambrian's website!

2. Careers for Real Life

College graduates are the foundation of Canadian society. They are the entrepreneurs; the skilled trades people and the technicians and technologists who support the industrial, construction, manufacturing, and mineral sectors; the professionals in the business, health care, IT, human services, and law and justice fields; the creators of images and words through expert communication and design, and the people who are integral to the travel, hospitality, and tourism sectors.

If you are interested in finding out more about the variety of careers available to you, please visit:

http://www.cambrianc.on.ca/_Career_Pathways/index.htm