

Essential Skills you will need for your Career Pathway

The fourteen skills described below are identified by Human Resources Development Canada as “essential skills” through research and interviews with over 3,000 Canadian workers. These skills are used to varying degrees in virtually all occupations; they are not the technical skills required by specific occupations. People in all types of jobs need to be able, for example, to read, to make decisions, and to solve problems. They also need to develop such general skills for use not only in the workplace, but also in everyday life and for lifelong learning.

- **Reading...**the comprehension of text consisting of sentences and paragraphs
- **Writing...**the preparation of written materials for a variety of purposes
- **Use of documents...**the use of labels, lists, signs, graphs, charts, tables, forms, and other similar materials
- **Use of computers...**the use of any type of computerized technology
- **Money math...**the use of mathematical skills in making financial transactions, such as handling cash, preparing bills, and making payments
- **Scheduling or budgeting and accounting...**planning for the best use of time and money, as well as monitoring of the use of time and money
- **Measurement and calculation...**the measurement and calculation of quantities, areas, volumes, and/or distances
- **Data analysis...**the collection and analysis of data in numerical form
- **Numerical estimation...**the production of estimates in numerical form
- **Oral communication...**the use of speech for a variety of purposes
- **Job task planning...**the planning and organization of one's own work
- **Decision making...**the making of any type of decision, using appropriate information
- **Problem solving...**the identification and solving of problems
- **Finding information...**the use of a variety of sources, including written text, people, computerized databases, and information systems

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**Make an appointment to see your school
guidance councillor to discuss the
Administrative Assistant program in greater detail.**



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Pathways

Enhancing Educational Opportunities for Students

A School / College / Work Initiative

Administrative Assistant

Course Selection and Career Pathways

From
Lockerby Composite School
To
Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology



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Students following this pathway would possess the following characteristics

- Enthusiasm and self-confidence
- Ability to make decisions
- Ability to engage customers
- Competitiveness
- Ability to work under pressure
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Discipline and strong work ethic
- Outgoing, personable disposition

Employment Opportunities

- Multi-faceted positions within any corporate, small and mid-sized business setting
- May also advance into supervision, training, research and information management positions
- Office Managers, Office Coordinators, Executive Assistants

Cambrian College Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C), (U) or (M)
- Any grade 11 or 12 Mathematics (C), (U) or (M)

Program Description

This program has been designed to provide the student with a comprehensive knowledge of computer software and administrative office management applications. Students will build upon their technical and administrative skills so that when they are employed they can act independently and make decisions with minimal supervision.

Administrative Assistant

Note: (*) indicates compulsory credits for OSSD

Shaded text = credits recommended for transition to college program

| Grade 9 | | Grade 10 | | Grade 11 | | Grade 12 | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| English* | ENG1D ENG1P | English* | ENG2D ENG2P | English* | ENG3C | English* | ENG4C |
| Math* | MPM1D MFM1P | Math* | MPM2D MFM2P | Math* | MBF3C or MCF3M | Math | MAP4C or MCT4C |
| Canadian Geography* | CGC1D CGC1P | Canadian History* | CHC2D CHC2P | Introduction to Financial Accounting | BAF3M | Principles of Financial Accounting | BAT4M |
| Science* | SNC1D SNC1P | Science* | SNC2D SNC2P | Understanding Canadian Law | CLU3M | Option | Option |
| French* | FSF1D FSF1P | Careers and Civics* 0.5 cr. each | GLC2O & CHV2O | Information Technology Applications in Business | BTA3O | Option | Option |
| Option | Option | Introduction to Business | BBI2O | Option | Option | Option | Option |
| Option | Option | Introduction to Information Technology in Business | BTT2O | Option | Option | Option | Option |
| Option | Option | Option | Option | Option | Option | Option | Option |
| ADDITIONAL COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS | | 1 credit in Arts and one credit in Health and Physical Education 1 additional credit in English, or Third Language, or Social Sciences and the Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or the Arts, or Business Studies 1 additional credit in Science (Grade 11 or 12) or Technological Education (Grade 9-12) | | | | | |