



# Welcome to Southern Ontario Collegiate

YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS BEGINS AT SOC  
AN EXCEPTIONAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION  
AT AN AFFORDABLE COST

- ✓ Grades 9-12 Diploma Program
- ✓ University Preparatory Program
- ✓ English Language Learning Program



**IELTS**<sup>™</sup>  
English for International Opportunity

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## Why Choose SOC?

- ✓ Students are awarded the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, recognized by universities and colleges world-wide
- ✓ Diverse international student population
- ✓ Qualified & experienced teaching faculty
- ✓ Carefully selected accommodation with home-stay families or residences
- ✓ In-house specialist team to assist with visa applications
- ✓ On-campus tutoring available
- ✓ Full-time university placement counsellor to assist with university applications
- ✓ Prime location in downtown Hamilton.

**40** ✓  
IELTS tests on campus tests each year

**15:1** ✓  
student : teacher ratio small class size

**98%** ✓  
acceptance to top-ranking colleges and universities

**20+** ✓  
post secondary institution visits and seminars each school year

**1** ✓  
minute to city center

## Principal's Message



Welcome to Southern Ontario Collegiate (SOC), a unique educational institution nestled in the heart of Hamilton, Ontario, where we are committed to nurturing the next generation of global leaders and thinkers. As a multicultural community, we provide a rich and diverse learning environment that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities of a globalized world. Our students benefit from a curriculum that blends the rigorous Ontario Secondary School Diploma with an extensive University Prep Program, ensuring they are well-equipped for success in higher education and their future careers.

Our approach to education is deeply personalized, recognizing the unique strengths and aspirations of each student. Our highly qualified faculty, supported by a comprehensive tutoring program, are dedicated to providing individualized support and guidance, ensuring every student's academic journey is tailored to their needs. We believe in empowering our students with essential life skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and effective communication, preparing them not just for academic success, but for a thriving life within our universal community. The small class sizes and innovative teaching methods at SOC further enhance the learning experience, fostering an environment of inspiration and growth.

At Southern Ontario Collegiate, we take pride in our track record of preparing students for university success, with a high percentage of our graduates gaining admission to top universities in Canada and around the world. Our established professional relationships with many of these institutions and our dedicated university preparation program provide our students with a competitive edge in their higher education endeavors. We invite you to join our vibrant community, where education transcends the classroom, and every student is encouraged to reach their full potential. Together, we embark on a transformative journey, laying the foundations for a future filled with possibilities and meaningful achievements.

**Daniel C. Bastien,**  
*Principal, Southern Ontario Collegiate*





## School Profile

Southern Ontario collegiate is a private university-preparatory secondary school with an illustrious track record of having our students enroll into prestigious universities in Canada, the United States, and elsewhere around the world.

Since its inception in 1980 SOC has grown exponentially with our continued focus on honing our student's skills and guiding them along the way.

Our philosophy is "a balance of knowledge and wisdom" which equips our students with the fundamentals to succeed in post secondary academics as well as becoming well adjusted global citizens.



## Personalized Learning and Individual Student Success

At SOC, we pride ourselves on providing an environment in which the students' individual strengths are nurtured, and where each personal success helps build character and allows their confidence to flourish.

Upon arrival at SOC, students are registered into the Edsembli K-12 Education Management Software. Parents are issued an access code which allows them to monitor attendance and grades when posted.

Our teachers will have discussions with students regarding their study plans and career directions, before recommending the most suitable courses to match their personal goals.





“Knowing that you have great teachers to learn from at SOC is one of the opportunities you should jump at since no one can take away this experience from you.” **MLM - SOC student**

### Experienced English Teachers

SOC offers English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at 5 levels for international students who need to improve their English language skills. Students have access to tutoring services and academic counselling, which help them transition into an English immersion environment.

### Official IELTS Test Centre

Southern Ontario Collegiate’s perfectly located facility and onsite facilities combine to make us a great choice to hold the honour of being the official IELTS test Centre in Hamilton.

Each year, approximately 40 IELTS tests are held on the SOC campus

## Support for English Learners



### Meet Prestigious Universities.

## Direct Pipeline to Elite Colleges & Universities

SOC’s dedicated staff make it a priority to work on time management skills, independence, responsibility, and interpersonal development with our students. These values and more are paramount for the transition into institutions of higher education and we assist our graduates with a streamlined progression into the post-secondary studies.

Southern Ontario Collegiate, as a top tier education provider, attracts the attention of top universities from across Canada. Every year, over 20 universities visit us to recruit talented young people from SOC. This provides our students with valuable opportunities for personal interviews with key college and university representatives.



**Southern Ontario Collegiate IELTS Test Venue**

28 Rebecca Street, Hamilton, ON L8R 1S4  
 Contact Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
<http://info.ieltscanadatest.com>  
[info.hamilton@idp.com](mailto:info.hamilton@idp.com)

SOC test booking is open to all candidates on IELTS website.  
[ieltscanadatest.com](http://ieltscanadatest.com)



# Our Programs

## Grades 9-12 Diploma Program

**Highlights:** Upon graduation, students receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) granted by the Ministry of Education of the province of Ontario.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must submit transcripts showing completion of education equivalent to at least Grade 8 or 9, detailing courses and credits for OSSD readiness.

*Online & blended programs are also available.*

**Intake:** Every April, August, and December

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

**Highlights:** Students can study ESL for academic, general, or business purposes. Class sizes are small, ensuring the optimum environment for correction and practice.

**Eligibility:** Open to local & international learners with varying English proficiency levels.

**Intake:** Enrolment is on-going throughout the calendar year.

## Pre-University Program

**Highlights:** Pre-U program is your link to university in Canada. The duration of the program at SOC will be determined by the number of equivalent credits granted by the Ministry of Education.

**Eligibility:** Grade 11 or 12 equivalent, detailing courses passed and credits accumulated for OSSD curriculum readiness.

*Online & blended programs are also available.*

**Intake:** Every April, August, December

## Summer/Winter Camp Program

**Highlights:** The SOC Summer/Winter Camp Programs provide international students with an immersion forum for practising and acquiring language while providing participants with opportunities for entertainment and exploration.

**Eligibility:** Elementary, Middle School, Highschool.

**Intake:** Year round.

# Our Curriculum

Students who successfully complete our program are awarded the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) which is the Ministry of Education's certificate for completion of the high school curriculum in the province of Ontario. It reflects the standards and requirements of the publicly funded province-wide school system.

## Courses Required for Majors in Business, Science and Engineering, and Arts

### Business

(Finance/Management/Accounting)



English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Data Management, Economics, International Business, Business Leaderships, Marketing, Canadian & International Law, etc.

*Requirements: English and 1 or 2 Mathematics courses are compulsory; 3 to 4 courses are elective courses.*

### Science & Engineering

(Computer/Engineering/Medicine)



English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Data Management, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, etc.

*Requirements: English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Physics and/or Chemistry are compulsory; 1 to 2 other courses are elective courses.*

### Arts

(Social Sciences/Humanities/Arts)



English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Data Management, Individual & Families, Canadian History, Geography, International Languages.

*Requirements: English and Advanced Functions are compulsory; 4 other courses are elective courses*



# SOC Graduate Destinations

Over 98% of SOC graduates have consistently been granted admission to prestigious institutions across Canada and elsewhere globally. Additionally, a significant number of our students are granted scholarships and bursaries annually due to their high performance.



**Hauwa S.A.**

- Carleton University
- Business and Law
- \$17,000 Scholarship



**Timothy O.**

- Carleton University
- Computer Engineering
- \$13,000 Scholarship



**Ufedo O.**

- Carleton University
- Software Engineering
- \$13,000 Scholarship



**Hedrick E.**

- Carleton University
- Industrial Design
- \$9,000 Scholarship

## UNIVERSITY OFFERS ACCEPTED/STUDENT DESTINATIONS

Here are some statistics about the institutions our graduates have attended.



# Short Term Programs

## ESL Program

Our ESL programs offer opportunities for international students to improve English language proficiency for study and life in Canada. We offer English language instruction classes at 5 levels. Daily classes are led by highly trained and experienced English teachers who will develop all aspects of the students' English language abilities. Enjoy the best quality of instruction while experiencing the Canadian culture and make lasting friendships from all over the world.

## Summer/Winter Camp Programs

The SOC Summer/Winter Programs are well balanced between classroom activities during the day and evening/weekend activities designed to foster learning and using entertainment as a tool to further improve English language skills. Students are given the opportunity to perfect their English skills while learning about Canadian culture in the classroom and beyond.





# The SOC Advantage



## Learning Environment

Southern Ontario Collegiate provides students with all the amenities necessary for a well-rounded education. Our spacious campus offers an excellent learning environment and facilities, including intelligent multimedia-projection classrooms, a double-floor, 300-seat auditorium, a full-sized gymnasium, a fully equipped computer lab, and an on-campus cafeteria service for breakfast and lunch meals during school days.



## Academic Services

The available services and facilities ensure that students are well-prepared for their future educational endeavors, making informed decisions that align with their personal goals and academic aspirations. By fostering a supportive and nurturing environment, Southern Ontario Collegiate enables students to achieve their fullest potential, both academically and personally.

“My journey in ESL has been about finding my voice. I’m not just learning English at SOC but I’m learning to express who I am.”

- 2024 SOC student



# Beyond the Classroom



## Off-Campus Care

SOC staff are always ready to offer assistance to students to overcome challenges both in and out of school. For international students, after their arrival in Canada, SOC provides efficient settlement services, including residence arrangement, meal plans, and health insurance.

### Prior to Arrival

- Student VISA Application Assistance
- Residence Arrangement

### Upon Arrival

- Airport pick-up and transfer to residence
- Welcome information & orientation sessions
- Opening a bank account
- Development of a customized study plan

### Stay at SOC

- Optimum environment for a safe and culturally rich experience
- Hot breakfasts and lunches are provided at SOC
- Access to fitness programs and sports facilities
- Student Visa & Passport renewal service
- Community Volunteering Program



## Accommodation

SOC residence and homestay offer more than just a place to eat and sleep. It provides an excellent environment for international students to improve their English language and ensure friendly access to Canadian lifestyles and experiences.

The culture, values and religious beliefs of international students will be highly respected. Every effort is made to ensure that students enjoy a rich and varied experience as they strive to achieve academic success.



# School Location

With a population of over 550,000 inhabitants, Hamilton is Canada's 9th largest city. It is situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, between Niagara Falls and Toronto. Pearson International Airport is a major international port of entry, merely an hour's drive away.

Hamilton boasts many geographic features which include a large harbour, lakefront and the Niagara Escarpment that runs through an urban landscape.

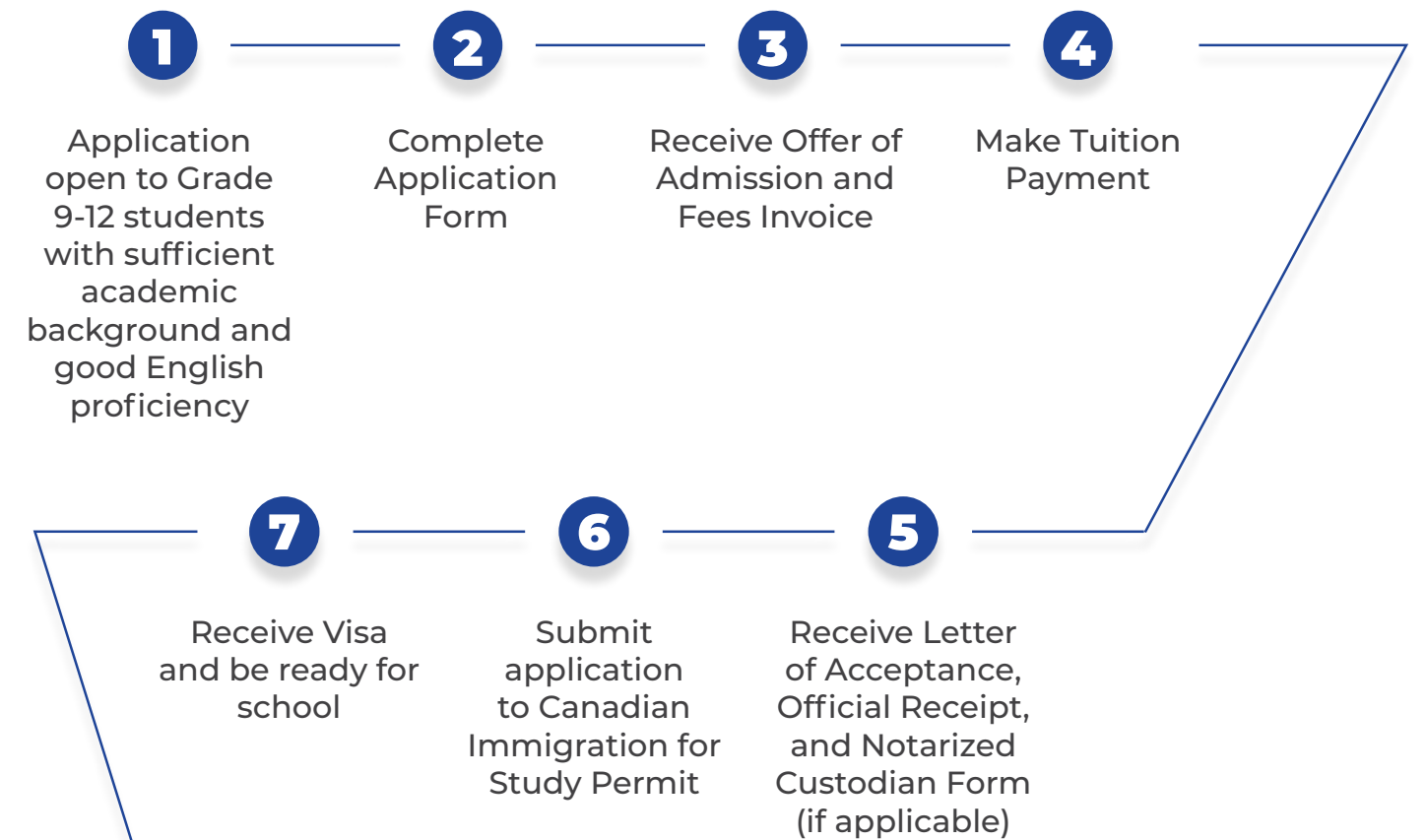
This provides gorgeous views and many waterfalls. Hamilton also has three renowned post-secondary institutions:

McMaster University, Mohawk College, and Redeemer University College.

SOC is located in the downtown core of Hamilton with easy access to everything that Hamilton City Centre has to offer. The main city library, financial district, central train, bus stations, downtown mall, supermarkets, and banks are all within a 10-minute walk of the school.



# How to Apply?



**Welcome to Southern Ontario Collegiate**

*Applications are now open year round. It usually takes 2 weeks to complete the application process, but we encourage all student candidates to apply as early as possible to ensure adequate preparation for study permit application.*





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## Application and Inquiry

