



Emily Carr Secondary School

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ALTERNATIVES

What to do after Emily Carr Secondary School

Pathways for Non-Graduates



- Educational Options
- Employment Options
- Personal Support Options

Educational Options:

1. Adult Education in York Region

Richmond Hill Adult Community
Learning Centre
York District School Board
11160 Yonge Street (at Elgin Mills)
905-884-2046

Adult & Continuing Education Department

320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8
(416) 221-5051 ext 3069 or 1-800-363-2711
www.ycdsb.ca/ace.html
Life Long Learning

2. GED: General Education Development

This is a high school equivalency certificate, not a diploma.

It is most often recognized by colleges, apprenticeship programs, police and fire training organizations, employers may require this when considering promotions within their organization...

- Optional 6 weeks of coaching class (2.5 hours per week / \$415)
- \$80 for final test is paid directly to TVO
- Closest sites to ECSS are: Dundas West & Kipling, or Richmond Hill
- Be a resident of Ontario, 19 years of age, out of school for a minimum of one year
- Successfully complete the Canadian Adult Achievement Test -- An initial assessment is done (\$110) at a variety of locations (see web site or call)
www.ilc.org/cfmx/GED/GED_contactus.cfm
416-484-2737 or 1-800-573-7022
- For more information call 1-888-433-1211 or visit www.ged.ca

3. Continuing Education Options in York Region

Summer/Night School

YRDSB
60 Wellington Street West, Box 40
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 3H2
www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/coned

YCDSB
320 Bloomington Road W.
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 3G8
www.ycdsb.ca/ace/html

Virtual Schooling

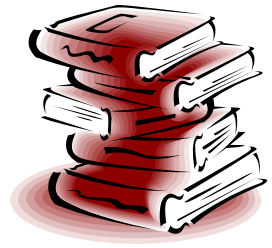


www.virtualschooling.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

4. Vaughan Public Libraries

905-653-READ (7323)

- Free internet & word processing PCs
- assistance with research assignments for school or business
- access to many electronic databases for school or business



Ansley Grove Library

350 Ansley Grove Road Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 5C9

Kleinburg Library

10341 Islington Ave. North, Kleinburg, Ontario L0J 1C0

Pierre Berton Resource Library

4921 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 1A6

Woodbridge Library

150 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 2S7

5. ILC: Independent Learning Centre

PO Box 200, Station Q

Toronto ON M4T 2T1

416-484-2704 or 1-800-387-5512

You must meet the following conditions to enrol in an ILC credit course:

- be over 18 years of age,
 - live in Ontario and a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, or an Ontario resident holding a diplomatic visa or ministerial permit
- NOTE: If you are 18 - 20 years of age, you must include a Date of Leaving Letter and an official original Ontario Student Transcript with your request.

6. Mature student status at an Ontario post-secondary institution:

Requirements vary according to institution. You will have to check their websites or call

Generally:

- Students who do not have a secondary school diploma or equivalent
- 19 years of age before the start date of the program
- Successfully complete equivalency testing in English and/or mathematics, or
- Complete a program of academic upgrading at a level appropriate to the program of choice
- Demonstrate proficiency in meeting specific program prerequisites

7. Apprenticeship & Training Opportunities

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeship/skills/training.html

Employment Ontario Hotline (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

1-888-JOBGROW (562-4769)

COSTI Assessment Centre

Job Connect Youth Programs & Free Personal Career Assessments are provided

(905) 669-5627 or www.costi.org

8. Valuable Websites

- www.gov.on.ca
- www.region.york.on.ca
- www.canlearn.ca
- www.careercollege.com
- www.schoolfinder.com
- www.forces.gc.ca
- www.ouac.on.ca
- www.ontariocolleges.ca



Employment Options:

1. **Volunteering:**

- gain practical, hands-on experience
- develop new skills and the opportunity to network
- add skills to your resume & references

Volunteer Canada www.volunteer.ca/voe

Helpmate Community Information and Volunteer Bureau
1-800-363-2412 or www.helpmate.volnetmmp.net

2. **Employment Assistance:**

Job Skills - Youth Entrepreneurship Program & Youth Employment Coaches
(905) 898-5138 or www.jobskills.org

COSTI Assessment Centre
Job Connect Youth Programs & Summer Jobs Service
(905) 669-5627 or www.costi.org

Ontario Ministry of Labour
(416) 326-7160 or www.gov.on.ca/lab/english/es

YR District School Board - Employment Source
1-866-992-9930 or (905) 883-4402

Strategic Employment Solutions
1-866-228-8890

Seneca College Redirection through Education - Mentorprise
(905) 895-895-0809 or 1-866-243-9925

Human Resources and Skill Development Canada
(905) 953-4052



3. **Online Job Search Assistance:**

Virtual Community Resource Centre - www.yorkregion-vcrc.com/youth_1.htm

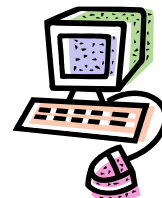
Job Bank Ontario - www.jobbank.gc.ca

Youth Opportunities Ontario - www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca

Monster.ca - www.monster.ca

Workopolis - www.workopolis.com

York Youth - www.yorkyouth.ca



Personal Support Options:

Crisis Numbers:

<i>Community Crisis Response Service (free call 24 hours).....</i>	(905) 310-COPE (2673)
<i>Kids Help Phone (free call 24 hours).....</i>	1-800-668-6868
<i>Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Care</i>	(905) 882-1406 or 1-800-521-6004
<i>York Region Children's Aid Society.....</i>	(905) 898-1658
<i>York Region Abuse Program (YRAP).....</i>	1-800-263-2240
<i>York Region Street Outreach Van.....</i>	1-866-553-4053
<i>Rose of Sharon (Pregnant Teens).....</i>	1-877-516-3715
<i>York Region Police.....</i>	(905) 881-1221 or 911
<i>Addiction Services for York Region (Drug or Alcohol)</i>	1-800-263-2288
<i>Telehealth Ontario.....</i>	1-866-797-0000
<i>York Region Sexual Health Clinics.....</i>	1-800-361-5633
<i>Women's Support Network of York Region</i>	(905) 895-3646 or 1-800-263-6734
<i>Yellow Brick House</i>	(905) 727-0930 or 1-800-263-2231

York Region Health Services:

<i>Health Connection.....</i>	1-800-361-5653
<i>Health Sexuality.....</i>	1-800-361-5653

York Central Hospital - Richmond Hill.....(905) 883-1212

Vitanova Foundation(905) 850-3690

<i>Bereaved Families of Ontario - York Region.....</i>	(905) 898-6265 or 1-800-969-6904
<i>Genesis Bereavement Resource Centre</i>	(905) 895-7750

Financial Support:

<i>Community Credit Counselling Service of York Region</i>	(905) 707-7695
<i>Family Services York Region - Georgina</i>	(905) 476-3611
- <i>Newmarket</i>	(905) 895-2371 or 1-888-223-3999
- <i>Markham-Stouffville</i>	(905) 415-9719 or 1-866-415-9723
- <i>Richmond Hill</i>	(905) 883-6572 or 1-888-820-9986
<i>York Region Homelessness Prevention Program</i>	(905) 895-6119
<i>Social Assistance / Ontario Works - Newmarket.....</i>	(905) 895-5166
- <i>Vaughan</i>	(905) 850-3790
- <i>South Services Centre</i>	(905) 762-2095 or 1-866-208-0049

Food Banks:

<i>Aurora Food Pantry.....</i>	(905) 841-1577
<i>Georgina Food Pantry</i>	(905) 772-8305
<i>Markham Food Bank</i>	(905) 472-2437
<i>Newmarket Food Pantry</i>	(905) 853-7285
<i>Richmond Hill Community Food Bank</i>	(905) 508-4761
<i>Salvation Army: Northridge Community & Family Services..</i>	(905) 895-0577
<i>Vaughan Food Bank (Woodbridge).....</i>	(905) 851-2333
<i>Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank</i>	(905) 640-4704
<i>York Region Food Network</i>	(905) 967-0428 or 1-866-454-9736

Personal Support Options Continued:

Housing and Support Services:

<i>Canadian Mental Health Association - York Region</i>	(905) 853-8477 or 1-866-208-5509 ext 0
<i>Crosslinks Housing and Support Services</i>	(905) 713-0137
<i>Homes for Special Care Office</i>	(416) 535-8501 ext 3439
<i>Transitional and Supportive Housing</i>	(905) 898-1015 or (905) 830-0121 (youth)
<i>Region of York: Community Services and Housing</i>	(905) 895-1231 or 1-877-GO4-YORK
<i>York Region Housing Help Centre</i>	(905) 713-2696

Legal:

<i>Community Legal Clinic of York Region</i>	(905) 508-5018 or 1-888-365-5226
<i>Lawyer Referral Service (\$6.00 for 30 minutes)</i>	1-900-565-4LRS (4577)
<i>Legal Aid Ontario - York Area - Newmarket</i>	(905) 898-3943 or 1-888-613-8775
- <i>Richmond Hill</i>	1-888-365-5226
<i>Canadian Mental Health Association - York Region</i>	(905) 853-8477 or 1-866-208-5509 ext 0

Mental Health:

<i>Addiction Services for York Region - Aurora</i>	(905) 841-7007 or 1-800-263-2288
- <i>Markham (Pathways)</i> ...	(905) 471-7877
- <i>Richmond Hill (Family Life Ctre)</i> ..	(905) 707-7695 or 1-800-500-0003
- <i>Sutton (YSSN)</i>	(905) 722-6484
<i>Blue Hills Child and Family Services</i>	(905) 773-4323
<i>Delise Youth Services</i>	(416) 482-0081
<i>Family Services York Region - Georgina</i>	(905) 476-3611
- <i>Newmarket</i>	(905) 895-2371 or 1-888-223-3999
- <i>Markham-Stouffville</i>	(905) 415-9719 or 1-866-415-9723
- <i>Richmond Hill</i>	(905) 883-6572 or 1-888-820-9986
<i>Youthdale - Aurora Residential Program</i>	(416) 368-4896 ext 269
- <i>Day Treatment</i>	(416) 368-4896

Physician/Therapist Referrals:

<i>College of Physicians and Surgeons (find a doctor)</i>	(416) 967-2626 or 1-800-268-7096 ext 626
<i>General Practitioner Psychotherapy Association</i>	(416) 410-6644
<i>Ontario Association for Marriage and Family Therapy</i>	1-800-267-2638
<i>ON Psychological Association (psychotherapist referral)</i>	(416) 961-0069 or 1-800-268-0069
<i>Findasocialworker.ca (private practice)</i>	www.findasocialworker.ca

Self Help:

<i>Krasman Centre</i>	(905) 780-0491 or 1-888-780-0724
<i>211 Community Information and Volunteer Centre</i>	www.civic.ca
<i>YorkLink</i>	www.york.ca/nr/yorklink

Good Luck with your future endeavours!