### **Ontario College Certificate**

#### Communication

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: reading, writing, speaking, listening, presenting and visual literacy.

- 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
  - use existing guidelines, to plan, organize, and present communication according to purpose and audience.
  - ensure that message conforms to the conventions of a format (e.g. letter, report, care plan).
  - follow models to organize messages in patterns linked to purpose and situation (e.g. organize good and bad news messages differently, convey purpose in opening paragraph, present sections of a report in logical order).
  - use an acceptable and consistent style, tone, and vocabulary throughout the message.
  - revise a message, adjusting for errors in content and mechanics (e.g. spelling, sentence structure).
  - use and respond to appropriate verbal, non-verbal, and visual signals.
- 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication
  - use established strategies to read, listen and observe effectively (e.g. note-taking, skimming, asking for clarification).
  - present an accurate spoken or written report of what has been read, heard and/or observed.
  - examine the material used to support claims, distinguishing between fact and opinion.
  - follow instructions to complete tasks, making use of the messages received.
  - employ effective listening, visual and reading skills to gather feedback about one's communication.

#### **Ontario College Certificate**

### Numeracy

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: understanding and applying mathematical concepts and reasoning, analyzing and using numerical data, and conceptualizing.

- 3. Execute mathematical operations accurately.
  - apply common mathematical terms, facts, methods, procedures, concepts, and principles in an accurate manner to simple problems and routine situations
  - observe and record data using pre-determined methods, tools, and technology.
  - use calculators or other designated technological tools to perform calculations, estimates, and measurements precisely.
  - link verbal problems to required mathematical operations.
  - decide what needs to be measured or calculated.

## Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: analyzing, synthesizing, evaluating, decision making and creative and innovative thinking.

- 4. Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
  - distinguish between fact and opinion in a problem-solving situation.
  - recognize or anticipate simple problems and apply given strategies in routine situations.
  - solve simple problems providing a rationale for solution.
- 5. Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
  - identify at least two thinking skills used to anticipate and solve problems.

#### **Ontario College Certificate**

#### Information Management

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: gathering and managing information, selecting and using appropriate tools and technology for a task or a project, computer literacy and internet skills.

- 6. Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.
  - follow guidelines to gather and select the appropriate information from a
    prescribed list of sources, including the Internet, to meet the purpose of the
    message.
  - document, using correct documentation format, sources of information.
  - follow guidelines to use a computer for storage and retrieval of electronic information.
  - follow guidelines for using an established protocol to manage sensitive documents with security and confidentiality in an electronic environment.
- 7. Analyze, evaluate and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
  - use given criteria to evaluate information obtained and use information to take action.
  - use given technology and tools to analyze and evaluate information.
  - summarize and present information drawn from a prescribed list of sources.

#### **Ontario College Certificate**

#### Interpersonal

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: team work, relationship management, conflict resolution, leadership and networking.

- 8. Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
  - treat others equitably and fairly within established guidelines.
  - link one's own values and beliefs to actions and decisions.
  - acknowledge contributions made by others.
- 9. Interact with others in groups or teams in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
  - list the common roles/tasks needed for any team to function effectively.
  - fulfill the role of an effective team member.
  - follow given guidelines to contribute to the work of a team.

#### Personal

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: managing self, managing change and being flexible and adaptable, engaging in reflective practices and demonstrating personal responsibility.

- 10. Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
  - use established planning tools to achieve goals.
  - use identified resources efficiently to accomplish the task.
  - recognize the impact changes in the environment may have on one's ability to accomplish the task.
- 11. Take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions, and consequences.
  - review the results of one's actions and self evaluate performance.
  - identify and act on constructive feedback.
  - function within given guidelines that identify rights and responsibilities of self and others

#### **Ontario College Diploma**

#### Communication

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: reading, writing, speaking, listening, presenting and visual literacy.

- 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
  - plan, organize, and present communication according to purpose and audience.
  - choose format appropriate to purpose (e.g. memo, video, personal interview).
  - use strategies to convey conventional organizational pattern to audience (e.g. transitional phrases, summaries, overviews).
  - select and use style, tone, and vocabulary appropriate to a message, its situation, and its audience.
  - revise to improve structure, tone, content, and ensure that material is free from mechanical errors.
  - use and respond to appropriate verbal, non-verbal, and visual signals, and match non-verbal and visual signals to content of messages.
- 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication
  - develop and use strategies to read, listen, and observe effectively in order to meet the specific purpose (e.g. skimming, highlighting, writing down complex verbal instructions).
  - reframe original message in other formats to reflect content, proportions, and emphasis of original (e.g. written and spoken summaries, tables, diagrams, photographs and computer-generated graphics).
  - distinguish between main and supporting points accurately to summarize or restate key points.
  - react appropriately to information (e.g. complete a work order, install equipment, prepare brief, make a decision).
  - employ effective listening, visual, and reading skills to gather feedback and to confirm that message has been received and understood.

#### **Ontario College Diploma**

### Numeracy

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: understanding and applying mathematical concepts and reasoning, analyzing and using numerical data, and conceptualizing.

- 3. Execute mathematical operations accurately.
  - apply common mathematical terms, facts, methods, procedures, concepts, and principles in an accurate manner to a variety of problems and situations.
  - observe, record, and analyze data using pre-determined methods, tools, and technology.
  - select the appropriate measurement tools, calculate and verify calculations, estimates, and measurements for precision.
  - translate verbal material into formulas.
  - decide what needs to be measured or calculated.

### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: analyzing, synthesizing, evaluating, decision making and creative and innovative thinking.

- 4. Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
  - analyze facts, opinions and inferences in a problem-solving situation.
  - evaluate and choose problem solving models appropriate to a particular context.
  - evaluate one's own problem solving process for biases.
- 5. Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
  - analyze a novel situation for potential causal factors and devise and apply several innovative strategies for solution.
  - analyze one's own creative thinking process, identify blocks and create strategies to deal with them.

### **Ontario College Diploma**

#### Information Management

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: gathering and managing information, selecting and using appropriate tools and technology for a task or a project, computer literacy and internet skills.

- 6. Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.
  - gather and select appropriate information independently from a variety of sources, including the Internet, to meet the needs of the situation, the audience, and the time frame.
  - document, using correct documentation format, sources of information.
  - use a computer independently for storage and retrieval of electronic information.
  - use an established protocol independently to manage sensitive documents with security and confidentiality in an electronic environment.
- 7. Analyze, evaluate and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
  - evaluate information independently and use information to take action.
  - choose appropriate technology and tools to analyze and evaluate information.
  - integrate, reframe, introduce, and explain the information to meet the needs of the message and audience.

#### **Ontario College Diploma**

#### Interpersonal

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: team work, relationship management, conflict resolution, leadership and networking.

- 8. Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
  - contribute one's own ideas, opinions and information while demonstrating respect for those of others.
  - employ techniques intended to bring about the resolution of conflicts.
  - solicit and acknowledge contributions and opinions of others.
  - establish and maintain rapport with peers and coworkers.
- 9. Interact with others in groups or teams in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
  - compare the roles and tasks of group or team members in a variety of contexts and situations.
  - fulfill a variety of roles in a team including team coordinator for stable teams with identified goals.
  - adapt strategies to accomplish team tasks and goals

#### Personal

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: managing self, managing change and being flexible and adaptable, engaging in reflective practices and demonstrating personal responsibility.

- 10. Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
  - monitor the process and goals and respond to change.
  - allocate the use of resources efficiently to accomplish tasks.
  - reflect on processes and practices used and identify how they can be adapted in a changing environment.
- 11. Take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions, and consequences.
  - explain/justify decisions made and actions taken.
  - use an ethical decision -making model to resolve ethical issues.
  - accept accountability for one's own decisions, actions and subsequent consequences.

#### **Ontario College Advanced Diploma**

#### Communication

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: reading, writing, speaking, listening, presenting and visual literacy.

- 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
  - plan, organize and present communication, which is innovative, accurate, and relevant, to respond to the needs, purposes, and skills of a variety of audiences.
  - choose the appropriate format from a wide range (e.g. web page, news story, script, professional journal article).
  - use a wide variety of organizational patterns to achieve purpose and meet needs of audience (e.g. create suspense, create an executive summary).
  - select and use a range of stylistic techniques to achieve desired results.
  - revise own and others' work to polish structure, tone, content, and sentences.
  - interact with audience through a range of verbal, visual, and non-verbal signals, and guide others to identify and act on these signals.
- 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication
  - draw on a wide range of strategies to read and listen as accurately and efficiently as the situation and purpose demand.
  - reframe messages accurately and in a variety of formats to fulfill a number of different purposes, and evaluate representations for consistency of meaning.
  - recognize emphasis and purpose of message, distinguishing between main and subordinate ideas.
  - seek feedback on message and delivery, in a variety of ways, and act appropriately on it

## **Ontario College Advanced Diploma**

### Numeracy

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: understanding and applying mathematical concepts and reasoning, analyzing and using numerical data, and conceptualizing.

- 3. Execute mathematical operations accurately.
  - apply a wide variety of mathematical terms, facts, methods, procedures, concepts, and principles in an accurate manner to solve complex problems and make decisions.
  - observe, record, analyze, and evaluate the relevancy and adequacy of the methods, tools, and technology.
  - determine the degree of precision required for calculations, estimates, and measurements and perform appropriate calculations.
  - translate verbal material into formulas.
  - decide what needs to be measured or calculated.

### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: analyzing, synthesizing, evaluating, decision making and creative and innovative thinking.

- 4. Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
  - analyze and evaluate elements in a problem-solving situation and create, apply and evaluate logical solutions to those problems.
  - create and evaluate problem solving models to be applied in a variety of contexts.
  - evaluate how one's own values, assumptions, and biases affect one's problem solving process.
- 5. Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
  - evaluate a complex decision-making situation and devise, apply and evaluate several possible innovative solutions.
  - evaluate one's own creative thinking process, identifying causes of blocks and potential strategies for overcoming them.

#### **Ontario College Advanced Diploma**

### Information Management

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: gathering and managing information, selecting and using appropriate tools and technology for a task or a project, computer literacy and internet skills.

- 6. Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.
  - develop and use a research plan to identify appropriate information from a wide range of sources, including the Internet, and perform an extensive search to achieve a specific desired result.
  - document sources using correct documentation format and explain the unique contribution of each source of information.
  - use a computer independently for storage and retrieval of electronic information.
  - develop a procedure to manage sensitive documents with security and confidentiality in an electronic environment.
- 7. Analyze, evaluate and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
  - evaluate information independently and use information to take action and direct others.
  - choose appropriate technology and tools to analyze and evaluate information.
  - evaluate, integrate and reframe information in a variety of formats to meet the needs of audiences and situations and provide the audience with a detailed framework for interpreting information.

#### **Ontario College Advanced Diploma**

#### **Interpersonal**

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: team work, relationship management, conflict resolution, leadership and networking.

- 8. Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
  - identify situations that can influence fair treatment of others and recommend/implement changes to ensure equity.
  - employ techniques intended to bring about the resolution of conflicts.
  - anticipate situations likely to generate conflict and plan appropriate strategies to manage.
  - advocate for others when their rights are affected.
- 9. Interact with others in groups or teams in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
  - match the composition of groups or teams to an analysis of required tasks and team resources.
  - lead groups and teams in dynamic situations.
  - assume accountability for self and others in achieving the outcomes for a team.

#### Personal

Skill areas to be demonstrated by graduates: managing self, managing change and being flexible and adaptable, engaging in reflective practices and demonstrating personal responsibility.

- 10. Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
  - define reasonable and realistic goals.
  - monitor progress and use of resources, and anticipate future needs and possible changes to allocation of resources, to ensure work stays on schedule.
- 11. Take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions, and consequences.
  - evaluate outcomes against goals and determine ways to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
  - select and use an ethical decision-making model to resolve ethical issues.
  - accept accountability for one's own decisions, actions and subsequent consequences.