Area of Interest: Computers and Technology

Computer Engineering Technology - Computing Science (Co-op and Non Co-op Version)

Ontario College Advanced Diploma

3 Years

Ottawa Campus

Academic Year: 2020/2021

Program Code: 0006X01FWO

Our Program

Gain the analytical thinking and problem-solving skills for a career in programming and software development.

The three-year Computer Engineering Technology - Computing Science Ontario College Advanced Diploma program prepares you for an information technology (IT) career in the private or public sectors. You gain the knowledge and skills to use a broad range of IT-based analytical thinking and problem-solving skills in support of the day-to-day operation of an enterprise’s software systems or in the development of new systems.

Learn a variety of programming languages (Java, C#, C++, C, and others) and operating systems (Windows, Unix/Linux, and QNX). In addition, you study the development tools and debugging techniques used to design, code and test integrated and/or embedded applications and software systems.

In your final year, you work in teams on sponsored real-world projects to develop a comprehensive application as part of the software engineering portion of the program. You also have the opportunity to select an elective course from an approved list, in areas that include graphics/multimedia, advanced database programming, android, business programming (Cobol), security and advanced web programming.

The majority of the program consists of courses in systems programming, software development, testing and maintenance. The balance of the curriculum consists of courses in technical communications skills (both oral and written), mathematics and general education electives.

Students also have the option to gain real-world experience through a paid co-operative education (co-op) work term (see Additional Information for more details). Please note that places in the co-op version of the program are subject to availability. Students who elect to apply to the non co-op version of the program may not have the opportunity to transfer to the co-op version at a later date.

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- game and multimedia development
- GUI (graphical user interface) development
- IT communications, IT security, real-time and database systems
- web-based applications
- technical roles in all levels of government (federal, provincial, and municipal)

SUCCESS FACTORS

This program is well-suited for students who:
• Can work effectively in a teamwork environment.
• Can apply critical and analytical thinking and have good problem-solving skills.
• Are imaginative, attentive to detail and enjoy challenging their minds.
• Are interested in computers and various software applications.
• Have a strong commitment and dedication to their studies.

Employment

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Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

• Identify, analyze, design, develop, implement, verify and document the requirements for a computing environment.

• Diagnose, troubleshoot, document and monitor technical problems using appropriate methodologies and tools.

• Analyze, design, implement and maintain secure computing environments.

• Analyze, develop and maintain robust computing system solutions through validation testing and industry best practices.

• Communicate and collaborate with team members and stakeholders to ensure effective working relationship.

• Select and apply strategies for personal and professional development to enhance work performance.

• Apply project management principles and tools when responding to requirements and monitoring projects within a computing environment.

• Adhere to ethical, social media, legal, regulatory and economic requirements and/or principles in the development and management of the computing solutions and systems.

• Investigate emerging trends to respond to technical challenges.

• Integrate multiple software and hardware components using appropriate systems, methodologies, and connection protocols.

• Analyze, plan, design, develop, test, and implement computing devices and networked systems (software or hardware) in accordance with appropriate functional requirements and standards.

• Apply principles of digital and analog circuits to design, implement, and troubleshoot computing devices, including embedded components and systems.

• Design, build, test, implement, and maintain embedded (including IoT) devices and applications.

• Develop, test and maintain software applications for systems integration.

• Identify and apply discipline-specific practices that contribute to the local and global community through social responsibility, economic commitment and environmental stewardship.
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Fees for the 2020/2021 Academic Year

Tuition and related ancillary fees for this program can be viewed by using the Tuition and Fees Estimator tool at [https://www.algonquincollege.com/fee-estimator](https://www.algonquincollege.com/fee-estimator).

Further information on fees can be found by visiting the Registrar’s Office website at [https://www.algonquincollege.com/ro](https://www.algonquincollege.com/ro).

Fees are subject to change.

Additional program related expenses include:
Supplies can be purchased at the campus store. For more information about books, go to [https://www.algonquincollege.com/coursematerials/](https://www.algonquincollege.com/coursematerials/).

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- English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or equivalent).
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- Applicants with international transcripts must provide proof of the subject specific requirements noted above and may be required to provide proof of language proficiency. Domestic applicants with international transcripts must be evaluated through the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS) or World Education Services (WES).
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Application Information

COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY - COMPUTING SCIENCE (CO-OP AND NON CO-OP VERSION)
Program Code 0006X01FWO

Applications to full-time day programs must be submitted with official transcripts showing completion of the academic admission requirements through:

ontariocolleges.ca
60 Corporate Court
Guelph, Ontario N1G 5J3
1-888-892-2228

Students currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school should notify their Guidance Office prior to their online application at http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/.

Applications for Fall Term and Winter Term admission received by February 1 will be given equal consideration. Applications received after February 1 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis as long as places are available.

International applicants please visit this link for application process information: https://algonquincollege.force.com/myACint/.
Additional Information

Programs at Algonquin College are Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). To see the BYOD requirements for your program, please visit: [https://www7.algonquincollege.com/byod/](https://www7.algonquincollege.com/byod/).

Apply directly to the co-op or non co-op version of this program through OntarioColleges.ca or our International Application Portal.

Cooperative education (Co-op) allows students to integrate their classroom learning with a real-world experience though paid work terms. Two academic terms prior to the cooperative education work term, students are required to actively participate in and successfully complete the self-directed co-op online readiness activities and in-person workshops.

Students must actively conduct a guided, self-directed job search and are responsible for securing approved program-related paid co-op employment. Students compete for co-op positions alongside students from Algonquin and other Canadian and international colleges and universities. Algonquin College’s Co-op Department provides assistance in developing co-op job opportunities and facilitates the overall process, but does not guarantee that a student will obtain employment in a co-op work term. Co-op students may be required to re-locate to take part in the co-op employment opportunities available in their industry and must cover all associated expenses; e.g., travel, work permits, visa applications, accommodation and all other incurred expenses.

Co-op work terms are typically 14 weeks in duration and are completed during a term when students are not taking courses.

International students enrolled in a co-op program are required by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to have a valid Co-op/Internship Work Permit prior to commencing their work term. Without this document, International students are not legally eligible to engage in work in Canada that is a mandatory part of an academic program.

For more information, please visit [https://www.algonquincollege.com/coop](https://www.algonquincollege.com/coop).

Curriculum is reviewed annually to reflect evolving industry standards in the information technology field.

For more information, please email coordsci@algonquincollege.com or visit [https://www.algonquincollege.com/sat](https://www.algonquincollege.com/sat).

Course Descriptions

**CST8101 Computer Essentials**

The essentials of computer software, hardware, and laptop management form the foundation for building further technical programming skills. Learn to configure your laptop environment, basic PC and troubleshoot problems. Create backups, install virus protection, and manage files through a basic understanding of the Windows Operating System. Install and configure the Windows Operating System, and a virtual machine environment. Explore computer organization including basic numerical systems, functional hardware and software components needed to run programs.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corequisite(s): none

**CST8102 Operating System Fundamentals (GNU/Linux)**

Learn the basic concepts and components of Operating Systems (OS), and how they function and
interact with hardware and software components. Explore the details of operating system structures, process management, storage management, installation, configuration, and administration both in theory and through practical assignments based on the GNU/Linux operating system. Lab exercises are designed to demonstrate how to implement the theory by developing skills using the powerful GNU/Linux command-line tools and utilities.

Prerequisite(s): CST8101
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8108 Network Programming Basics

Software programming in today's environment requires detailed knowledge of the underlying network topology and its implementation. Gaining an appreciation and perspective of this technology is imperative to developing good network programming applications. Topics include the basic structure and design of networks, layered communications models, industry standards for network media and protocols with an emphasis on data communications, TCP/IP protocol suite, Ethernet and socket programming. Labs include practical exercises in using socket programming along with common networking tools for diagnosing and troubleshooting typical network programming problems.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): CST8132

CST8116 Introduction to Computer Programming

Students receive an introduction to computer programming with emphasis on problem analysis and design, using algorithms, pseudocode, flowcharts, UML class diagrams and testing, with the Java programming language used as a means to implement problem solution designs. Instruction in the Java programming language is provided including an introduction to object oriented programming, sequential structure, selection structures, repetition structures, variables, constants, methods, constructors, one-dimensional arrays, classes, objects, encapsulation, abstraction, inputs, outputs, coding conventions and documentation. Theory is reinforced with application by means of practical laboratory assessments.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8130 Data Structures

Learn to use a variety of data structures and associated processing algorithms to manage massive amounts of data. Explore concepts using Object-Oriented Programming (in Java). Implement some solutions using first principle coding and others using predefined Collection and Map classes. Master techniques to assess the relative performance of alternative solutions (Big-O analysis) and make well-reasoned choices of selected data structures.

Prerequisite(s): CST8132 or CST8284
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8132 Object-Oriented Programming

Learn extended Object-Oriented Programming concepts and develop the solid programming skills that are prerequisites for higher-level courses. Java is used to illustrate the theoretical concepts and develop solutions to real-world problems of increasing complexity.

Prerequisite(s): CST8116
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8152 Compilers

Introduction to the basic principles, techniques, and tools used to translate text expressed in one language to equivalent text expressed in another language. The concepts discussed and the programming concepts studied in previous courses are applied to develop and program the front-end of a simple compiler or interpreter using ANSI C as implementation language. The ideas and
techniques discussed could be applied to general software design and to parsing of structured files, such as HTML, XML, register and configuration files.

Prerequisite(s): CST8234
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8215 Introduction to Database

Students learn the fundamentals of Relational Databases design using Entity Relation diagrams, and use SQL to create, modify and query a database. Students design and create databases that are maintainable, secure and adaptable to change in business requirements, using Normalization. Students are able to compare and appreciate a Database Management System (DBMS) and its components with legacy systems.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8216 Processor Architecture

Elementary electronic components, basic numerical systems and operations and Boolean logic are explored with their relationship to a microprocessor/microcomputer. Students also learn microcontroller programming using assembly language. The theory is supported by lab exercises involving the creation and analysis of circuits using simulation software and the programming of a microcontroller.

Prerequisite(s): CST8101 and CST8116
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8218 Web Enterprise Applications

Students expand on HTML, Java and database knowledge to develop skills in building scalable applications built using the Java Enterprise Edition framework. Students apply these skills in developing a web application project with a database layer, business logic, presentation logic and client-side components, as well as a REST interface for B2B and Mobile support. Design topics involve multitier architecture, Agile methods for enterprise development projects, Object Relational Mapping, XML and AJAX, internationalization and web security.

Prerequisite(s): CST8221 and CST8238
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8219 C++ Programming

Learn C++, building on the concepts of memory management and object-oriented programming studied in other languages in previous courses. Used as a language of choice for high performance applications, the C++ language expands the C paradigm to include encapsulation, operator overloading, inheritance and polymorphism. In addition, C++ Standard Library is introduced as a ready-made framework for application development.

Prerequisite(s): CST8234
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8221 Java Application Programming

Students learn advanced Java technology by developing multi-tiered applications featuring a rich graphical user interface (GUI). Students also learn how to build a GUI, object-oriented design patterns, networking, multi-threading and database connectivity and deployment.

Prerequisite(s): CST8130
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8227 Interfacing
Specific constraints, challenges, and attributes that are unique to embedded systems are explored. The role and capabilities of such compact systems in today's world is analyzed, with detailed reference to available processing speed, storage and power consumption. Students gain knowledge of sensors and actuators, their operational parameters and characteristics. Methods for interfacing, sampling, and controlling the devices are studied, including polled vs. interrupt driven, D to A and A to D conversions and simple digital vs. PWM outputs. Practical lab exercises include interfacing to real world devices using a small embedded development board.

Prerequisite(s): CST8152 and CST8216
Corerequisite(s): none

**CST8233 Numerical Computing**

Learn the usefulness and power of numerical computing methods to perform a wide range of engineering and scientific tasks processing real-world data using C (or C++) as the underlying programming language. These include series implementation of mathematical functions, statistical data analysis, fitting data with linear regression, numerical differentiation and integration and solving ordinary differential equations to simulate real-time dynamical systems.

Prerequisite(s): CST8234 and MAT8201
Corerequisite(s): none

**CST8234 C Language**

Students learn the basics of the C Programming language. Building upon the foundation laid in prerequisite courses, application design, development, debugging and testing in the Unix/Linux operating system environment are addressed. Topics covered include regular expressions, memory management, I/O and file system resources (buffered and unbuffered), and safe programming practices are emphasized.

Prerequisite(s): CST8102 and CST8116
Corerequisite(s): none

**CST8237 Game Programming**

Combine skills learned in previous courses to develop advanced multimedia and game applications that run on a PC. Using the power of the Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) on the video card it is possible to program shaders that simulate real-life objects moving under the laws of physics. As an end product, the course develops a complete virtual 3D world with terrain, and a dynamic environment that the user can explore and interact with.

Prerequisite(s): CST8130 and CST8234
Corerequisite(s): none

**CST8238 Web Programming**

Students learn website design and implementation. HTML5, JavaScript, PHP and XML are used to explore web-based solutions to problems of increasing interactivity and complexity. Online lectures are reinforced by practical assignments that encourage students to construct and maintain their own websites.

Prerequisite(s): CST8108 and CST8116 and CST8215 or CST8109
Corerequisite(s): none

**CST8244 Real-Time Programming**

Building on the student's prior knowledge of Linux/Unix, learn the difference between Real-Time/Embedded system programming and batch processing. Design real-time applications in C Language using the QNX Real-Time Operating System and the special functions built into QNX to enhance RT and embedded system programming - exceptions, messages resource managers and timers. Design topics include finite state machines, multi-threading, and distributed multi-processor systems.
CST8283 Business Programming

Create COBOL programs in a business environment using structured methodology in the latest visual programming environment. Topics include: output design; logic design tools; structured, top-down and modular coding; testing and debugging; and documentation. The programs include interactive, file-based, and database processing of data related to business problems. Arrays, indexed files, database access and sub-programs are included.

Prerequisite(s): CST8284 or CST8132
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8300 Achieving Success in Changing Environments

Rapid changes in technology have created personal and employment choices that challenge each of us to find our place as contributing citizens in the emerging society. Life in the 21st century presents significant opportunities, but it also creates potential hazards and ethical problems that demand responsible solutions. Students explore the possibilities ahead, assess their own aptitudes and strengths, and apply critical thinking and decision-making tools to help resolve some of the important issues in our complex society with its competing interests.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8355 Software Design and Testing

Learn the basics of Agile software development including the Scrum, Kanban and Lean methodologies. Real-world software development projects are assigned with clients. The phases of software development are introduced including gathering requirements; document, design, code and test working software prototypes. The project will be done as an Agile team to stay organized, collaborate and solve problems. Knowledge about testing, debugging and QA process is expanded. In addition to the software project, this course consists of lectures, case studies, and both individual and group practical lab work.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8359 .NET Enterprise Application Development

Students use C#/ASP.NET/WebServices/MS SQL to produce applications for a wide range of different environments. Students set up and deploy ASP.NET MVCv5 applications, install virtual machines, learn about App Fabric, create databases and distributed storage in a cloud computing environment (like Windows Azure).

Prerequisite(s): CST8221
Corerequisite(s): none

CST8390 Business Intelligence and Data Analytics

Business Intelligence (BI) can be broadly defined as a set of applications, infrastructure, and best practices that integrate and transform raw data into actionable information used for planning, monitoring and analyzing processes. The foundation underlying this process is the Data Analytics that explore the data, identify the relationships and patterns in a meaningful way. Students examine the components and best practices of Business Intelligence technology, and how it guides operational to strategic business decisions in the context of real-world applications. Data analytics techniques are used to derive insight using statistical software.

Prerequisite(s): CST8215 and CST8284 and CST8285 and MAT8001C or CST8132 or CST8238
Corerequisite(s): none
ENG4001 Project I

Experience with practical projects provides students with learning opportunities to gain insight and experience, thereby making the connection to industry. Through collaborative participation in applied research projects, students in groups undertake problems of significant technical complexity and work towards solutions using project management methodologies. Student groups initiate projects working closely with stakeholders in real-world workplace environments. There is an option to take the project course ENG4002 as an equivalence to this course. Note: the project courses (ENG4001 and ENG4003) and the supporting communication courses (ENL4001 and ENL4003) have to be done in two consecutive terms.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): ENL4001

ENG4002 Engineering Project for Entrepreneurs

Experiencing the process of creating and validating a new product or service idea provides students with the opportunity to decide whether the path of an entrepreneur is suited to them. Through the processes of ideation and customer idea validation, students continue to refine an idea until it is ready to pitch to investors. Students with successful pitches earn funds to build their prototype the following term in ENG4003.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): ENL4001

ENG4003 Project II

The ability to identify and satisfy all stakeholder expectations is essential in successful product development. Following up on topics selected in the Project 1 course (ENG4001 or ENG4003) student groups continue to execute projects of significant technical complexity in an applied research context. Student groups work in consultation with faculty and external stakeholders to create deliverables by monitoring and controlling the project resources. The solutions developed are defended in formal oral and written presentations. Students that started with ENG4002 must continue with the project course ENG4004. Note: the project courses (ENG4001 and ENG4003) and the supporting communication courses (ENL4001 and ENL4003) have to be done in two consecutive terms.

Prerequisite(s): ENG4001
Corerequisite(s): ENL4003

ENL1813T Communications I

Communication remains an essential skill sought by employers, regardless of discipline or field of study. Using a practical, vocation-oriented approach, students focus on meeting the requirements of effective communication. Through a combination of lectures, exercises, and independent learning, students practise writing, speaking, reading, listening, locating and documenting information and using technology to communicate professionally. Students develop and strengthen communication skills that contribute to success in both educational and workplace environments.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

ENL2019T Technical Communication for Engineering Technologies

The ability to communicate effectively in a technically-oriented interdisciplinary workplace is a foundational skill in an innovation-driven economy. Students are exposed to exercises and assignments designed to foster independent and collaborative critical thinking, research, writing, visual communication and presentation skills related to technical topics.

Prerequisite(s): ENL1813T
Corerequisite(s): none
ENL4001 Technology Report Preparation

Students define and describe a problem of significant technical complexity and present a suitable technological solution. Drawing upon skills previously acquired, students plan, conduct research for and begin the creation of a written report that is based upon the guidelines established by the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

Prerequisite(s): ENL1819T or ENL2019T
Corequisite(s): ENG4001

ENL4003 Technology Report

Students complete the report defined in ENL4001. The completed report forms the basis of an oral presentation to faculty, peers and interested industry personnel in the final weeks of the term. ENL4001 and ENL4003 must be taken in the same academic year unless an exception is approved.

Prerequisite(s): ENL4001
Corequisite(s): ENG4003

GED0006X General Education Elective

Students choose one course, from a group of general education electives, which meets one of the following four theme requirements: Arts in Society, Civic Life, Social and Cultural Understanding, and Science and Technology.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corequisite(s): none

MAT8001C Technical Mathematics for Computer Science

The study of algebraic and transcendental functions is an essential prerequisite to Calculus. Students manipulate algebraic expressions, solve algebraic equations and linear systems and learn the properties of and graph algebraic and transcendental functions. Students investigate computer number systems in addition to Boolean algebra and logic to help solve problems involving computer systems. Students also study the addition and subtraction of vectors using vector components. Delivered in a modular format, this course is equivalent to the completion of all of the following math modules MAT8100 - A, B, C, D, E, F, H, and L.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corequisite(s): none

MAT8201 Calculus 1

Calculus is used to determine many important physical quantities. Students differentiate algebraic and transcendental functions and sketch various curves. Students integrate simple algebraic and transcendental functions. Students use integration to solve applications relating to their program of study, such as the area under a curve.

Prerequisite(s): MAT8050 and MAT8051 or MAT8050P and MAT8051 or MAT8100 or MAT8100P or MAT8001C
Corequisite(s): none

WKT8001 Work Term I

Students complete a cooperative work term, and submit a written report which documents the location of employment and the duties performed.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corequisite(s): none

WKT8002 Work Term II
Students complete a cooperative work term, and submit a written report which documents the location of employment and the duties performed.

Prerequisite(s): WKT8001
Corequisite(s): none

**WKT8003 Work Term III**

Students complete a cooperative work term, and submit a written report which documents the location of employment and the duties performed.

Prerequisite(s): WKT8002
Corequisite(s): none