SWAC

SCHOOL WITHIN A COLLEGE PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL WITHIN A COLLEGE PROGRAM?

- The School Within a College (SWAC) Program is a partnership between Conestoga College and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. This program will run both semester one and semester two, subject to sufficient enrollment.
- SWAC is a Transition to College Program for secondary students within one year of graduation. Students attend Conestoga College, Doon Campus to take one tuition free college course that will count as an elective credit on the student transcript. College courses are typically foundational courses and consist of 3 hours of class time per week, for 15 weeks. The college course can be applied to a variety of future college programs, such as: Business and Hospitality, Community Services, Health and Life Sciences, Liberal Studies, Media and Design, and Nursing. In combination with these courses, students also take an English and/or Math credit, and Physical Education.
- Students have the opportunity to earn extra elective credits through a workplace co-op program through their part-time job.
- There may be opportunities for students to earn community service hours towards graduation.
- GRT monthly transit passes will be provided to students.

For more information, please contact your Guidance Counsellor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM

You Must:

- ✓ Meet with your guidance counsellor to find out if School Within a College (SWAC) is a good fit.
- ✓ Select SWAC during the course selection process. Complete a Co-op application package, if applicable, available in the Co-op and Guidance offices.
- ✓ Attend an interview with a SWAC teacher.
- ✓ Have successfully completed at least 20 credits.

AM I A GOOD FIT?

The School Within a College Program is a good fit for you if you have:

- a proven track record of good attendance.
- a level of maturity that would allow you to thrive in an adult environment.
- a willingness to take advantage of learning opportunities at the college including tours, guest speakers, explore days etc.
- an ability to work independently with teacher support in an on-line environment.
- a potential to succeed but lacking a pathway post graduation.
- an ability / willingness to attend school from 9:00-1:30 Monday through Thursday and to attend a dual credit class every Friday for a 3 hour class starting either at 9:00am or 12:30 pm.
- a willingness to participate actively at the Conestoga College Recreation Center 4 days per week for 1 hour.
- a part-time job; this is an additional asset as this will support your opportunity to earn elective credits through co-op.

HOW DOES SWAC BENEFIT STUDENTS?

The School Within a College Program gives students the opportunity to:

- Earn high school credits and college courses at the same time.
- Complete compulsory and elective courses for your OSSD. Teacher taught credits (Phys. Ed., English and/or Math); each college credit component successfully completed generates one secondary credit towards your OSSD.
- Have support by a team of teachers to achieve your educational goals.
- Learn opportunities through exposure to various programs at the four main local campuses.
- Earn co-op credits through paid workplace co-op program.
- Fast forward to a college program and start your career.