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### YOUR COLLEGE AND YOU

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN RECEIVING BREAKING  
NEWS AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE  
ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS.



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### COURSE GUIDELINES ONLINE FOR YOUR FEEDBACK


The College invites your feedback on the guidelines it is developing for courses leading to more than 60 new or revised additional qualifications that will be available for teachers. College members have told us in consultations that these are the courses they need to keep up with recent developments in teaching and learning.



Providers are required to follow the criteria outlined in the guidelines. This ensures that all courses have the same overall learning expectations and general course components no matter which provider is offering the course.

We want to hear from you to ensure that the new qualifications provide the ongoing professional learning that reflects your needs. Your comments on the draft guidelines will be appreciated.

As initial draft guidelines are completed, they are posted to the College web site for your feedback. The guidelines currently available, and a feedback form, can be found on the [College web site](#).

Our recently issued professional advisory [\*\*\*Additional Qualifications: Extending Professional Learning\*\*\*](#)  explains the purpose of additional qualifications and the important role they play in a teacher's ongoing professional learning.

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## **PQP SURVEY ONLINE**

Would you like to provide input into what prospective school leaders should be learning in the Principal's Qualification Program (PQP)? Participate in the College's [online survey](#) and help us to ensure that the program remains relevant for PQP candidates and other members of the teaching profession.

The revised guideline will ensure that participants in the PQP continue to encounter substantially similar learning expectations from provider to provider.

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCREDITATION PANELS**

The College is responsible for accrediting teacher education programs in Ontario that lead to a teaching licence. Accredited programs are reviewed on a regular basis by a panel of individuals that includes members of the College Council, individuals with expertise in teacher education and members of the profession.

The College is looking for approximately 10 members in 2009 to represent the profession on future panels for upcoming program reviews.

We need teachers, principals and supervisory officers with a broad background in education, advanced academic qualifications such as a master's degree, leadership experience, demonstrated written communication skills, and experience in initial teacher education either as an instructor or an associate teacher, or involvement in in-service teacher education activities.

If you are interested, please submit a resumé and references outlining your educational background, qualifications and relevant experience. We'll keep the information on file for three years and contact members who have the experience and expertise we require for a specific review.

You have the option of submitting your application information to [\*\*accreditation@oct.ca\*\*](mailto:accreditation@oct.ca) or you can mail it to the College at:

Accreditation Unit  
Ontario College of Teachers  
121 Bloor Street East  
Toronto ON M4W 3M5

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## **NOW MORE THAN 6,500 RESOURCES FOR YOU**

It's back to school time and not just the students are hitting the books.

You can choose from among more than 6,500 education-related books and videos available in your College's Margaret Wilson Library.



We will mail books and videos postage-free to your home or school address. Using a special-return mailing label, you can mail books back to the library free of charge.

In addition to books and videos, we also have approximately 200 professional journals and many other resources in English and French. You can search the library database online from the College web site.

Simply log into your **Members' Area account** to request books and videos from the College library online, check the status of your holds, renew materials you've checked out and create your own library lists.

You can also request a literature search by library staff, who will mail, fax or e-mail the journal articles.

**More information regarding the library and its resources** or e-mail [\*\*library@oct.ca\*\*](mailto:library@oct.ca).

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## **COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP CARD GETS YOU FREE ADMISSION**

On Sunday September 21, show your College membership card and get free admission for you and one guest at the Toronto Zoo. The Education Centre open house will update teachers on upcoming events at the zoo. Information:

[zooanswers@torontozoo.ca](mailto:zooanswers@torontozoo.ca).

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Your membership card can provide you with discounts at stores and attractions throughout Ontario.

## **USE YOUR CARD FOR MORE DISCOUNTS**

The list of organizations offering free admission and discounts across Ontario keeps growing.



A number of recent examples among the growing list offering discounts to College members include:

- [Adjustable Beds Plus](#)
- [Black Creek Pioneer Village](#)
- [Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre](#)
- [Dynamic Earth](#)
- [Greg Frewin Theatre](#)
- [Museums of Mississauga](#)
- [Mysteriously Yours](#)
- [Toronto Heli Tours](#)

Your membership card provides proof that you are a professional teacher licensed to teach in Ontario's publicly funded schools.

Be sure to show your card when you're purchasing supplies or visiting major attractions. Many book sellers, museums, zoos and office supply stores provide discounts to teachers.

For a complete list of organizations that offer discounts to members, see the [\*\*College web site\*\*](#).

If you visit an attraction that's not on our discount list, you might ask them to consider participating in our discount program. Organizations can e-mail [\*\*discounts@oct.ca\*\*](mailto:discounts@oct.ca) for more information.

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## **YOUR COLLEGE AND YOU**

If you do not wish to continue receiving *Your College And You*, [\*\*change your profile\*\*](#) in the Members' Area.

If you wish to reply to this message, please provide your name and registration number so that we can provide an accurate and detailed response.