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



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2008 COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT PROVIDES RICH STATISTICAL PICTURE OF ONTARIO'S TEACHING PROFESSION



Where in the world do College members come from? How are they qualified? What are the most popular College-accredited courses our members take for their professional development?

Visit [Professionalism in Teaching](#), our 2008 online annual report, and find a rich and broad statistical picture of Ontario's teaching profession.

With just the click of a mouse, the College's expanded statistical information gives you access to detailed information regarding teachers in the province – key demographic data, teacher qualifications, and where and how Ontario teachers are

educated.

Our new in-depth statistical information gives our stakeholders access to historical trends that may help support their staffing plans.

The College's annual report also provides you with video-recorded messages from Council Chair Don Cattani and former Registrar Brian McGowan, committee reports, and resources.

The interactive online report is a timely, environmentally responsible and cost-effective way for the College to provide our stakeholders, members of the public and the media access to current information on the teaching profession.

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NEW INDUCTION RESOURCES AVAILABLE

New teachers adapt to the classroom better if they're part of a well developed induction program. If you play a role in such a program at your school, we have a resource you'll find useful.

Learning from Experience - Supporting Beginning Teachers and Mentors is a series of five booklets that the College developed in partnership with Brock University and six district school boards - Grand Erie, Halton, Halton Catholic, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic, Niagara and Niagara Catholic.



The five booklets include a facilitator's guide, and explore how to use concrete experiences for learning and reflection. They also explore professional practice through vignettes and how teachers can use the standards to enhance their profession practice. One booklet presents a summary of key insights derived from the project.

"New and experienced teachers were active in identifying standards-based experiences that we think will be very effective in making the most of a new teacher's first year in front of a classroom," says Deirdre Smith, Manager of Standards of Practice and Education.

The activities featured in the booklets reflect both the Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession and the Standards of Practice for the Teaching Profession.

"The College values opportunities such as this one to work with education partners to enhance the teaching profession," said Nick Forte, chair of the Standards of Practice and Education Committee. "The co-operation, sharing and commitment to quality teaching illustrates the profession's ethical and practice standards."

MICHAEL SALVATORI - THE COLLEGE'S NEW REGISTRAR AND CEO



Michael Salvatori is the new Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the teaching profession's self-governing body.

The North Bay-born teacher, who was the College's Director of Membership Services from 2005 to 2008, took up his responsibilities on June 1.

Salvatori initially came to the College from the London Catholic District School Board where he worked as a vice-principal and principal and taught at both the elementary and secondary levels. He taught core French, French immersion and German, and is the author or co-author of numerous French textbooks and teacher resources. He has also taught in France and Italy.

In addition to leading the College's member registry, credential evaluation and services functions, he has experience in the College's accreditation of teacher education programs.

Salvatori, who is 42, earned his PhD in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto, taught at Glendon College of York University and was jointly appointed to the Faculty of Education and the Department of French Studies.

Michael Salvatori's teaching qualifications are listed on the College web site along with those of all other Ontario certified teachers at [Find a Teacher](#). His registration number is 200020.

YOUR LIBRARY - BOOKS, VIDEOS...AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

What's your interest? Curriculum development and assessment, pre-service and in-service training, standards of practice, learning styles, special education, mentoring?

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- about 200 professional journals in paper copy
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Your membership card can provide you with discounts at stores and attractions throughout Ontario.

NEW ADDITIONS TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

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



Recent examples include the **[Children's French Bookstore](#)**, **[Rogers Cup Women's Tennis Championship](#)** and the **[Shaw Festival](#)**.

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 www.oct.ca.

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 for more information.

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