



Potential Graduation Timeline

September - December

- Students should be in the process of exploring post secondary educational options, meeting with guidance and/ or visiting school websites to arrange Test Drives, Campus Visits and Job Shadowing.
- Resumes should be updated and reference letters should be requested.
- NSCC - Students who plan to attend this institution should submit their application ASAP. This institution is operating on the motto “first received - first assessed”. Programs which are high in demand will fill up quickly. To avoid disappointment apply now!
- If your program requires a portfolio submission, you should be in the process of working on it now. Portfolio development and fine tuning should be on going. Your acceptance will be determined by the skill level demonstrated in your portfolio. The quality of your work will also be in competition with other students vying for a seat in the program.
- **Investigate the Articulation and Transfer Agreements between NSCC and universities to see if it is an option you should be considering.**
- Universities offering early admissions, check their calendars to see if you meet the requirements and if it is to your advantage to apply early.

Don't Jeopardize Your Credits.

- Potential grads who begin to fall behind have a tendency to avoid the ISSUES. This only makes matters worse! If you are having difficulty.....you can be PROACTIVE now! Reality usually hits in May/June when it is too late. First check your attendance, you may be sinking due to absenteeism, talk to your teachers or guidance to discuss what you can do to help yourself. Don't throw away your potential grad status. I guarantee you will **not** regret graduating.

Ongoing

- Continue to check deadlines for applications
- Complete resumes / reference letters
- Research and complete scholarship/ bursary applications.
- Consider whom you will ask to write your reference letters. Ask teachers who know you well. Letters from a coach, activity/ community leader, or an employer are also valuable.

January

- Prepare for exams..... final marks will be on transcript. Post secondary institutions will be basing their conditional acceptances on these marks.
- Research and complete scholarship/ bursary applications.

February

- If you did not apply to early admissions or NSCC and you want to attend a post secondary institution, complete your application and request your transcript. Applications should be received by **March 1** for most post secondary institutions.

March

- Ensure application deadlines have been met.
- Research and complete scholarship/ bursary applications.

April

- Await confirmation of acceptance
- Research and complete scholarship/ bursary applications. LOCAL AND COMMUNITY Bursary and Scholarships are starting to become available!

May

- Research and complete scholarships / bursaries.

June

- If you have applied to more than one institution make your final choice. Send your nonrefundable deposit in to hold your seat. If you have been accepted at a community college you most likely have already forwarded your deposit to hold your seat. *Students who do not follow deadlines run the risk of losing their seat Read and follow instructions and save all documentation.*
- Research and complete scholarships / bursaries.
- Student Loan applications are not usually available until the first of June. It is recommended you go on canadastudentloan.ca and review an application form from the previous year. This will give you time to gather all the information you require to fill it out the application when it is available.

It is the responsibility of the student to inform guidance/ office as to which post secondary institution their final transcript is to be forwarded.