



Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation  
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## Memorandum for Action

**Date:** September 10, 2009 **D/BU #11-2009-2010**

**To:** District/Bargaining Unit Presidents

**From:** Wendy Bolt  
General Secretary

**Re:** **Honour Technological Education Specialist Qualification Program  
– equivalent to one year of full-time study**

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Attached is a copy [in both English and French] of a memorandum from Michael Salvatori, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer at the Ontario College of Teachers. This memorandum advises OSSTF/FEESO of a change in College practice that came directly as a result of an inquiry made by Wendy Anes Hirschegger on behalf of a member.

The College will now recognize the in-class hours in apprenticeship programs for meeting the requirement under Regulation 184/97, Section 40(4)(d), for applicants to the Honour Technological Education Specialist that the applicant:

- “(d) holds a Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma or an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or has successfully completed the equivalent of one year’s full-time study in a program in respect of which a Secondary School Graduation Diploma or its equivalent was required for admission”.

Previously, this requirement meant that technology teachers who only had the Secondary School Graduation Diploma, and did not have any grade 13 courses, OAC courses, college or university courses, would have to fulfill that requirement (along with the rest of the requirements) before being admitted to the Honour Technological Education Specialist. Furthermore, until this memorandum was issued, “the equivalent of one year’s full-time study in a program in respect of which a Secondary School Graduation Diploma or its equivalent was required for admission” had been interpreted to mean only college or university courses (since there are no longer grade 13 or OAC courses). Since 5 such courses comprise the “equivalent of one year’s full-time study” at the post-secondary level, this of course can be quite costly.

The question of whether in-class apprenticeship hours could count as “post-secondary” was raised with the College and following careful consideration, the College released the attached memorandum confirming that apprenticeship hours can now count if they meet the conditions as outlined on the memorandum.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Anes Hirschegger at Provincial Office.

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Attachment



## Memo

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**Date:** August 24, 2009

**To:** Ontario Association of Deans of Education  
Deans, Faculties of Education  
Registrars, Faculties of Education  
OADE In-Service Committee  
Providers, Additional Qualifications Courses  
Directors of Education  
Secretaries, School Authorities  
Directors of Education Organizations  
Principals/Supervisory Officers Organizations  
Deputy Minister of Education  
Ministry of Education including District Offices  
General Secretaries, OTF and Affiliates  
Other Education Partner Organizations

**From:** Michael Salvatori  
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** **Honour Technological Education Specialist  
Qualification program - Equivalent to one year of full-  
time study**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of a change in College practice that will provide members with technological education qualifications and who hold a Secondary School Graduation Diploma (SSGD) with an alternative way to demonstrate that they meet the requirements for entry to the Honour Specialist course.

Candidates who want to enroll in the accredited Honour Technological Education Specialist Qualification program and who hold a SSGD are required to have completed "the equivalent of one year's full-time study in a program for which the Secondary School Graduation Diploma or its equivalent was required for admission." This is stated in Section 40 (4) (d) of Regulation 184/97, Teachers' Qualifications.

For purpose of this paragraph of the regulation, the College will recognize the in-class hours in apprenticeship programs for meeting this requirement provided that:

- the candidate holds a Secondary School Graduation Diploma or its equivalent
- the in-class hours are sufficient to meet the requirement of being equivalent to one year of full-time study, and
- the SSGD or its equivalent was required for entry.

If you have any questions about this issue, please don't hesitate to contact Margaret Aubé, Teachers' Qualifications Regulation Project Leader, at 416-961-8800, or toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222, ext. 851.



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