

Québec Education System

All you need
to know!

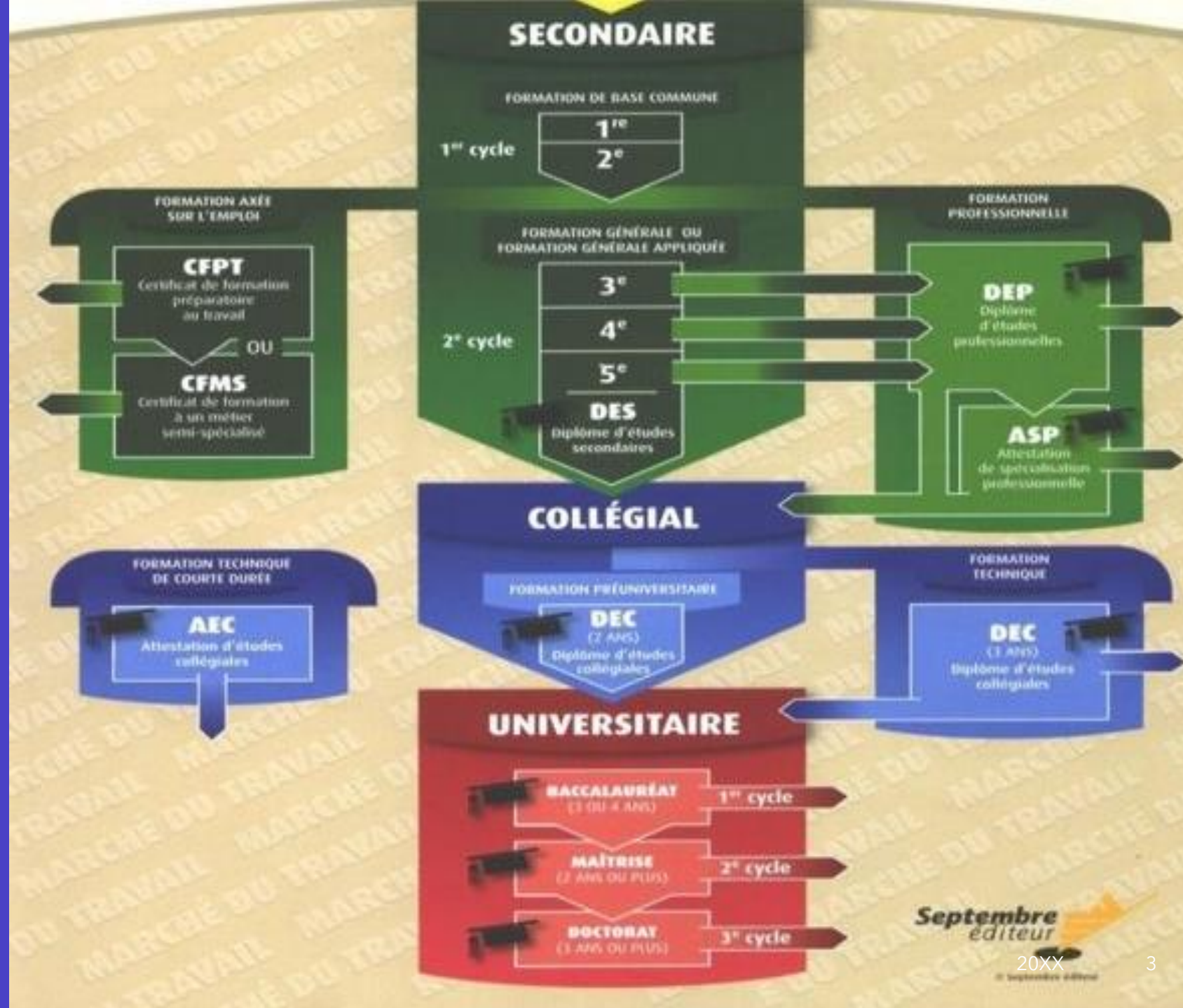




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Quebec Education System

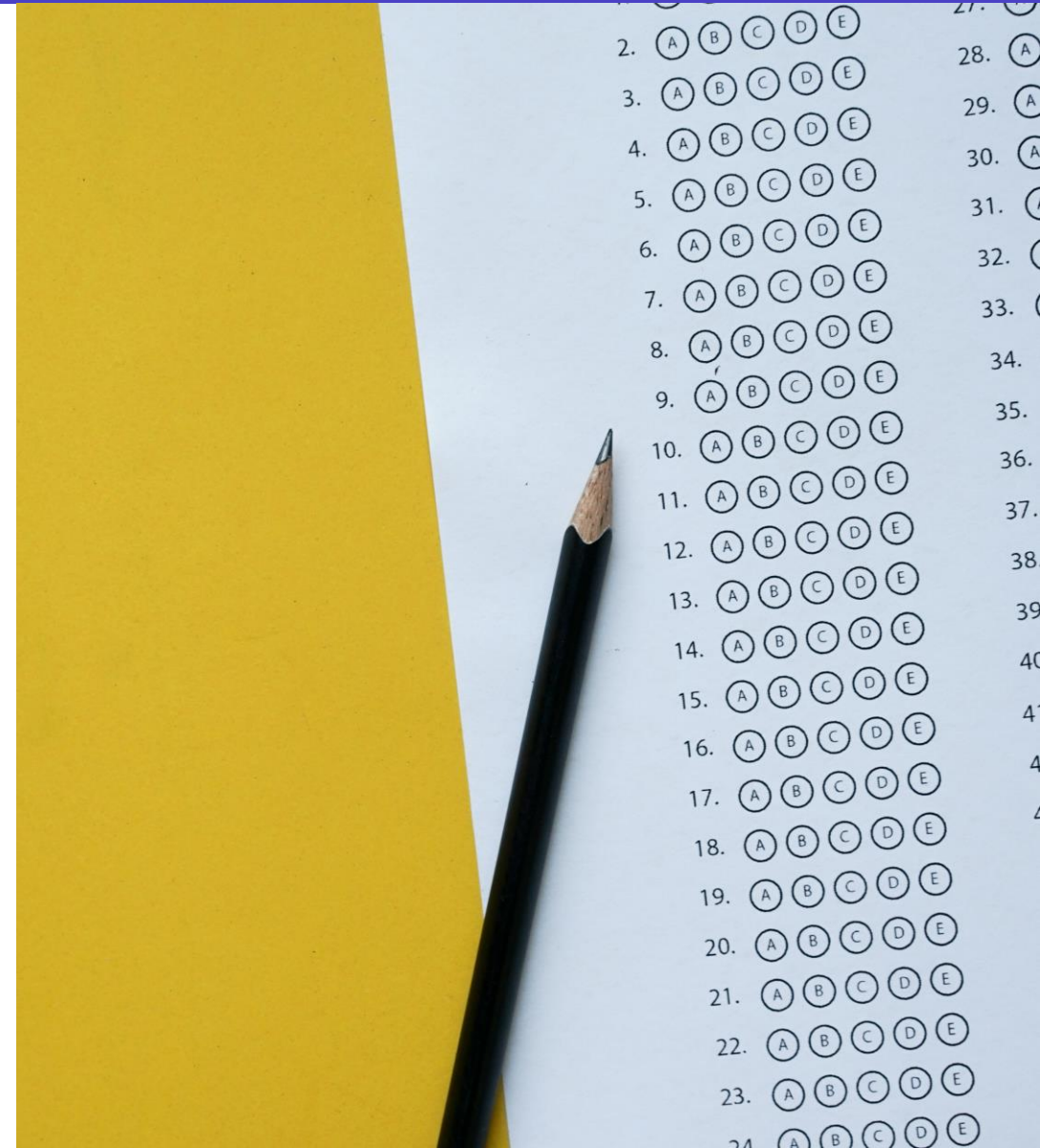


The R score

The college performance rating, also known as the R score, is a method of analyzing academic records used by most Quebec universities to manage admission to certain programs with quotas. It considers the academic results of each student at college and how each student stands out in relation to his or her group.

For more information about the R score:

- [Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire](#)
- [Understanding the College R-score - YouTube](#)



Frequently asked questions about the R score

What happens if I fail?

A failure or dropout without cause cannot be erased from your academic record. This affects the calculation of your R-score.

When is the R-score updated?

At your college, the R-score is updated 4 times a year:

- October (to include summer courses)
- January (to include the fall term results)
- February (to include the fall semester for university admission the following fall)
- June (to include the winter semester for final admission to university)

What is a "good" rating R?

Most R-scores for a college file are between 15 and 35

- Between 32 and 35 (85% to 90%) Grades well above average
- Between 29.5 and 31.9 (80% to 85%) Above average
- Between 26.5 and 29.4 (75% to 80%) Score slightly above average
- between 20 and 25.9 (65% to 75%) Average grade



R-score: Wishful thinking to avoid

The R-score represents a big stake in your future. However, it can be risky to use strategies to try to position yourself advantageously over other students. These solutions involve risks to your academic progress, and therefore your professional future. Here are some wishful thinking to avoid:

- Trying to influence your R-score in high school
- Enrolling in a program to get a better R-score to get into your "real" program.
- Choosing a College thinking it will give you a better R-score
- **Adopting a lifestyle that focuses on your R-score only**
 - Remember that a balanced life can only be beneficial to your academic success. You know what you need to feel good: sleep, food, exercise, friendship, love, work, security, creativity, leisure, family, etc. It's up to you to determine which elements are essential
- **Confusing your R-score with your self-worth**
 - The R-score reflects many things, but it does not reflect the value of each person.

IN SUMMARY: DO YOUR BEST!



University studies

The academic year is divided into three sessions:

- Fall, Winter, and Summer:
- Each of these sessions consists of 15 weeks of study and courses are generally offered once a week.
- The summer session is generally shorter, and classes may be offered twice a week.

Student Category:

- Regular students: a person admitted to a program.
- Part-time general interest students: not admitted to a specific program, the person is enrolled in one or more courses related to one or more programs.
- Auditor: without being admitted to a program, this person is enrolled in one or more courses, but is not subject to the evaluation process.

The study regime

- Each activity (course, laboratory) is assigned units called "credits". Each credit requires approximately 45 hours of personal work on the part of the students. Most programs can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis:
 - Full-time studies: 12 or more credits per semester.
 - Part-time studies: less than 12 credits per semester.

University studies

Undergraduate studies

- Bachelor's degree (BAC)
- Undergraduate doctorate
- Certificates
- Microprograms

Graduate studies

- Master's degree (Maitrise)
- Graduate Diploma of Specialized Studies (DESS)

Postgraduate studies

- Doctorate
- Ph.D.

University studies - Undergraduates' degree

	Undergraduate	Undergraduate doctorate
Time	6 to 8 semesters (3-4 years) 90 to 120 credits	8 to 11 semesters (4-5 years)
Disciplines	Administration Arts, letters and languages Law Education Environment and sustainable development Engineering Computer Science Music Health Science Humanities and Social Sciences Pure Sciences	Chiropractic Medicine Dental Medicine Podiatric Medicine Veterinary medicine Optometry Pharmacy
Give access to	Workplace Graduate studies	Workplace Graduates' studies
Admission	DEC Meet the requirements of the universities (prerequisites) Meet the selection criteria (interview, Casper test, physical skills, portfolio, audition, etc.) Complete the College French/English test	

Money Matter

	Vocational Training (DEP)	Public Cégep (DEC) (for 2 semesters)	University (BAC) (for 2 semesters)
Tuition Fees	Free (in general)	Between 300\$ and 600\$	Approximately 2600\$
Related costs (insurance, membership fees, etc.)	0\$ (in general)	Approximately 50\$	Between 350\$ to 2600\$
Purchase of school materials	Between 200\$ to 1000\$ Depending of the program (average of 500\$ per year)		
Total	200\$ or more	350\$ to 1650\$	3150\$ to 6200\$

Money Matters

If you wish to obtain **financial assistance** to pursue your studies, you can use the [Ministry of Education's loans and grants program](#). This program takes into account the expenses normally incurred by a student and the financial resources available. This assistance takes the form of a loan or a bursary. Both forms of assistance are subject to maximums:

- A **loan** granted is guaranteed by the government. As long as you are a full-time student, the government will pay the interest owed to the financial institution that gives you the loan.
- A **bursary** is awarded when the amount of the loan is not enough to cover the gap between your expenses and your income. **The amount awarded does not have to be repaid.**

To be eligible for the program, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, or be a refugee or protected person status under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act;
- Reside in Quebec;
- Be admitted to a recognized educational institution;
- Be enrolled in a recognized full-time program of study;
- Respect (without exceeding) the eligibility period or the debt limit;
- Be without sufficient financial resources to pursue your studies.



Money Matters

A program distinguishes two categories of students:

- Without parental, sponsor, or spousal contributions;
- With a contribution from the spouse, parents, or sponsor.

The following is an overview of allowable expenses:

- Tuition fees, living expenses, additional living expenses for single parents, living and childcare expenses for dependent children, and transportation costs (other than public transportation).

Other forms of financing:

- Loans and grants plan
- Employment income (your student job)
- Support from your family
- Scholarships awarded through another process, often based on the excellence of the applicant's academic record, student extracurricular experience, or special circumstances (Indigenous, disabled, women in engineering programs, etc.)
- [Visit our website for the list of different sources of financing](#)



Tools to help explore programs and careers

CAREER CRUISING

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Explore with the Matchmaker & My Skills tests



Explore Assessments

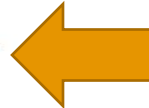
Matchmaker & My Skills



Answer questions about your likes and dislikes to find careers that match up with your interests.

You must be logged into My Plan to take this assessment.

[Login](#) or [Register](#)



Learning Styles Inventory



Discover how you learn and retain information and find tips on how to improve your study habits to suit your learning style.

You must be logged into My Plan to take this assessment.

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Tools to help explore programs and careers

Explore the Careers section and play with the Career Selector



Explore Careers

Keyword Search: [Q Search](#)

[Index](#) [School Subjects](#) [Search by Cluster](#)

Use the alphabetical index to quickly find the careers you're looking for.

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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

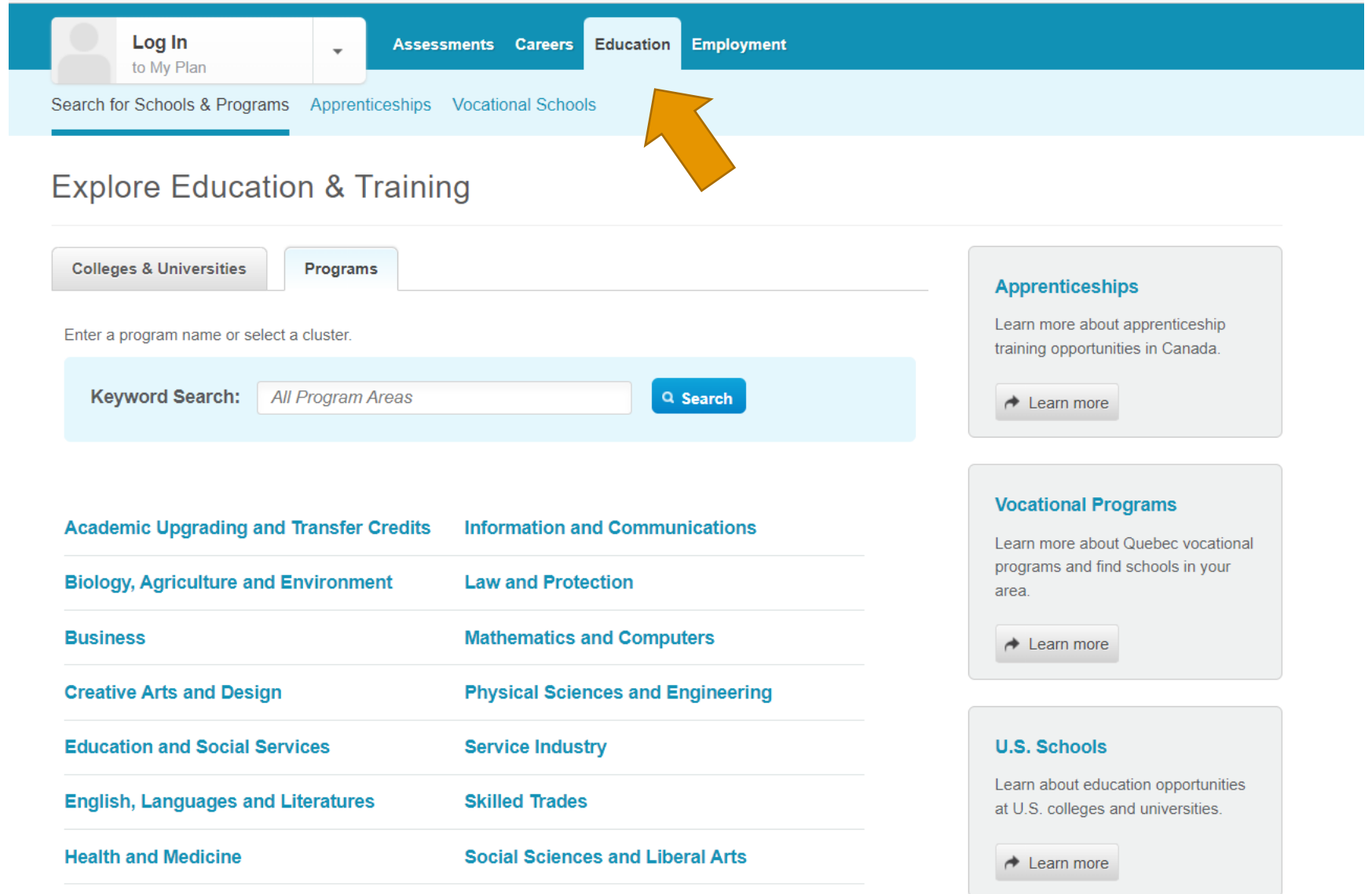
Career Selector

Search for careers based on a variety of criteria, like earnings, core tasks, and more.

[► Start Career Selector](#)

Tools to help explore programs and careers

Explore the Education section



The screenshot shows the 'Education' section of a website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Assessments', 'Careers', 'Education', and 'Employment'. The 'Education' tab is selected and highlighted with an orange arrow. Below the navigation bar, there is a sub-navigation bar with links for 'Search for Schools & Programs', 'Apprenticeships', and 'Vocational Schools'. The 'Search for Schools & Programs' link is underlined. Below this, the main heading is 'Explore Education & Training'. There are two tabs: 'Colleges & Universities' and 'Programs'. The 'Programs' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter a program name or select a cluster.' and a 'Keyword Search:' label. The search bar contains the text 'All Program Areas' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a grid of program categories. On the right side, there are three informational boxes: 'Apprenticeships', 'Vocational Programs', and 'U.S. Schools', each with a 'Learn more' button.

Log In
to My Plan

Assessments Careers **Education** Employment

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Colleges & Universities **Programs**

Enter a program name or select a cluster.

Keyword Search: [Search](#)

Academic Upgrading and Transfer Credits	Information and Communications
Biology, Agriculture and Environment	Law and Protection
Business	Mathematics and Computers
Creative Arts and Design	Physical Sciences and Engineering
Education and Social Services	Service Industry
English, Languages and Literatures	Skilled Trades
Health and Medicine	Social Sciences and Liberal Arts

Apprenticeships

Learn more about apprenticeship training opportunities in Canada.

[Learn more](#)

Vocational Programs

Learn more about Quebec vocational programs and find schools in your area.

[Learn more](#)

U.S. Schools

Learn about education opportunities at U.S. colleges and universities.

[Learn more](#)

Tools to help you explore programs/careers

- [CURSUS PROGRAMS EXPLORATION TEST](#)
- [RIASEC \(HOLLAND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST TEST\)](#)
- [GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CAREER PLANNING TESTS](#)





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