



The **Principal** Profile

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How does access to skills training assist students in their career paths?

“ The benefit of skills training is that students are more engaged with authentic real-world experiences, retaining more information when they incorporate hands-on learning. **It helps forge connections with our community partners that transforms their learning experience, allowing students to test drive a career and deepen critical thinking skills, while still being flexible** enough to shift pathways if their goals change. Through skills training, students become more aware of college or apprenticeship pathways, gain sector-recognized certifications and can even earn dual credit courses that count towards both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree or apprenticeship certification. ”