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MORE OPPORTUNITIES ADDED TO NEW ROUTE TO APPRENTICESHIP

TORONTO – The McGuinty government is investing \$11.5 million in 28 projects through the Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program. Over the next four years, this investment will create more than 900 more opportunities for people to train in the skilled trades while obtaining a college diploma through this program.

This is in addition to the 1600 Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program spaces created since the program was first announced in 2004.

The Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program offers people pursuing a post-secondary education the opportunity to register in a program that will lead to dual certification. Individuals can complete a college diploma, and at the same time, register as an apprentice and work toward the provincial Certificate of Qualification. The program also includes business and entrepreneurship courses to help participants start their own businesses, if they choose.

Trade	College	Participants	Funding
Automotive Service Technician - Motive Power Technician Diploma	Fanshawe College	25	362,500
Automotive Service Technician - Motive Power Technician Diploma	Niagara College	45	652,500
Automotive Service Technician - Motive Power Technician Diploma	St. Clair College	40	580,000
Automotive Service Technician - Motive Power Technician Diploma	St. Lawrence College	20	290,000
Automotive Service Technician - Motive Power Technician Diploma	Centennial College	22	319,000
Cook - Culinary Management Diploma	Fanshawe College	40	580,000
Cook - Culinary Management Diploma	Georgian College	30	397,951
Cook - Culinary Management Diploma	Humber College	48	360,000

Cook - Culinary Management Diploma	Niagara College	72	1,044,000
Cook - Culinary Management Diploma	St. Lawrence College	36	522,000
Electricians: Industrial, Construction & Maintenance - Electrical Technician Diploma	Conestoga College	32	504,000
General Machinist - Mechanical Technician Diploma	Algonquin College	30	435,000
General Machinist - Mechanical Technician Diploma	St. Clair College	20	313,330
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician - Motive Power Technician Diploma	Centennial College	20	290,000
Horticultural Technician – Landscape Diploma	Niagara College	34	493,000
Horticultural Technician – Landscape Diploma	Kemptville College, University of Guelph	25	402,452
Horticultural Technician – Landscape Diploma	Humber College	30	46,496
Industrial Electrician - Electrical Engineering Technician Diploma	Mohawk College	40	20,000
Industrial Electrician – Electrical Engineering Technician Diploma	St. Lawrence College	20	330,000
Industrial Mechanic Millwright - Manufacturing Engineering Technician Diploma	Mohawk College	40	20,000
Industrial Mechanic Millwright - Mechanical Technician Diploma	Boréal	10	160,000
Industrial Mechanic Millwright - Mechanical Technician Diploma	Conestoga College	32	439,072
Industrial Mechanic Millwright - Mechanical Technician Diploma	Fanshawe College	25	402,500
Industrial Mechanic Millwright - Mechanical Technician Diploma	Lambton College	60	870,000
Industrial Mechanic Millwright - Mechanical Technician Diploma	St. Lawrence College	20	290,000
Tool and Die Maker, General Machinist - Mechanical Technician Diploma	Conestoga College	45	705,015
Truck & Coach - Motive Power Technician Diploma	Fanshawe College	25	362,500

Truck and Coach Equipment - Motive Power Technician Diploma	Centennial College	22	319,000
TOTAL		908	\$ 11,510,286

This new funding is just one way the McGuinty government is investing in skills, learning and people to create the best workforce in North America. The government views investments in people and a skilled workforce as a cornerstone of its economic strategy.

Apprenticeship training, on-the-job training, and classroom training leading to certification in skilled occupations is a key part of this strategy. Ontario has Canada's largest apprenticeship system.

Through the Reaching Higher plan for postsecondary education, the McGuinty government is increasing its investment in apprenticeship training to achieve its goal of adding 7,000 new apprenticeship registrations to bring the total number trained annually to 26,000 by 2007-08. The programs and initiatives already announced to achieve this goal include:

The Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit

The tax credit makes it easier for employers to hire and train new apprentices.

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

This school-to-work transition program enables senior high school students to gain apprenticeship experience.

Pre-Apprenticeship Program

This program provides individuals, such as youth, Aboriginal peoples, women and under-represented groups, with the opportunity to upgrade trade-related skills so they can be eligible for an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship Training Action Table

This initiative brings together partners in the apprenticeship system to help ensure government, education providers, and industry are taking the right steps to achieve shared apprenticeship system goals.

Minister's Apprenticeship Employer Recognition Awards

This event honours businesses that have shown leadership in training their employees through the apprenticeship system.

Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program

The program provides increased flexibility and accessibility for young people who choose skilled trades training by combining a college diploma with apprenticeship training.

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