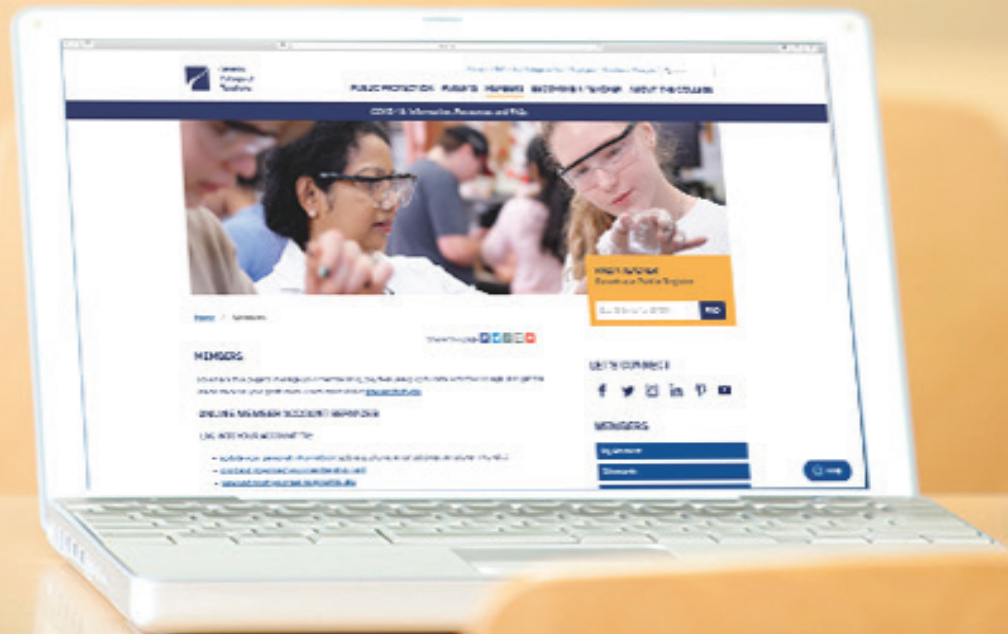




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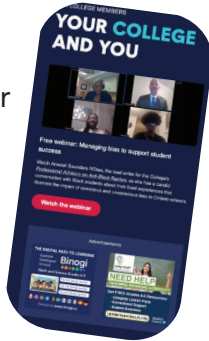
Tips for new OCTs



Tips

1. How do I stay current on College news affecting my practice?

Read *Your College and You* – our member newsletter – delivered via email each month.



2. I worked hard to be part of the teaching profession. How do I show that I am a qualified teaching professional?

Use your professional designation, OCT (Ontario Certified Teacher), beside your name in your correspondence with parents, caregivers, potential employers, colleagues, and other recipients to distinguish yourself as a qualified teaching professional. You've earned it!

The OCT designation was entrenched into law by the Government of Ontario in 2021. It is a first for educators in Canada.



Example: Manon Taylor, OCT

Display your professional designation certificate in your classroom or home office.

3. How do I access College services?

Your member account gives you access to various services such as printing or downloading your tax receipt and teaching certificate, updating your personal information and more.

The E-Services section on the College's website makes it easy to pay your membership fee and offers several resources for members.



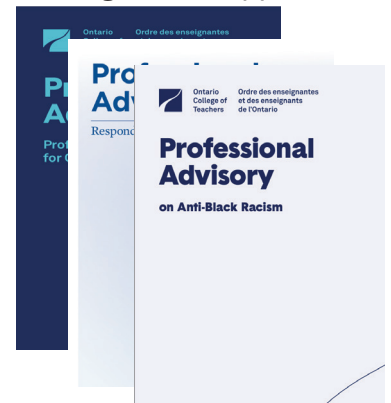
4. How do I update my information?

Let us know if you have changed your name, contact or employer information. College bylaws require you to do so within 30 days of any changes. Visit oct.ca → [Members](#) → [Forms](#).

5. Where do I find advice for my professional practice?

The College's professional advisories provide practical advice that is designed to support your professional practice. Topics include:

- Anti-Black Racism
- Professional Boundaries
- Responding to the Bullying of Students
- Supporting Students Mental Health
- Use of Electronic Communication and Social Media



6. My teaching certificate has a condition. What do I need to do?

Visit oct.ca → [Members](#) → [Fulfilling Certificate Conditions](#).

7. I noticed that my College certificate has a notation to complete the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. How should I proceed?

Visit oct.ca → [Becoming a Teacher](#) → [Requirements](#) → [Sexual Abuse Prevention Program](#).

8. How can I advance my teaching skills or get qualified in another division?

Find an AQ will help you find additional qualification courses that suit your professional learning goals.

9. To support my practice, I am looking for magazines, books, ebooks, and research options. Does the College have a resource lending service?

Yes. Log into your member account to access the Margaret Wilson Library. Questions? Ask the librarian at library@oct.ca.

10. As a member of the teaching profession, am I held to different standards?

Yes. Ethical standards, standards of practice and the professional learning framework describe what it means to be a member of Ontario's teaching profession. They

articulate the goals and aspirations of the profession.



The professional misconduct regulation defines what actions, or failures to act,

constitute professional misconduct on the part of Ontario Certified Teachers.

11. I want my classroom to look lively, inspiring and reflect my commitment to professionalism. Any suggestions?

You can download and print our popular Anishinaabe art posters. They profile the profession's ethical standards (care, trust, respect, integrity) and standards of practice from an Indigenous perspective.

12. I would like to reflect on and generate discussions with students and colleagues on the ethical standards. Any ideas?

Get inspired by the Ethical Standards through Rotinonhsyón:ni artistic images.

You can also learn more about Indigenous educational wellness and environmental consciousness & eco justice.



13. Someone filed a complaint/concern about me. What do I do?

While complaints/concerns against teachers are rare (less than 1%), the College is responsible for resolving all cases of professional misconduct.

Visit oct.ca → [Members](#) → [Complaints and Discipline](#).

14. I would like to search for someone who has been certified to teach in Ontario's publicly funded schools.



Use our [Find a Teacher](#) tool to search the College's public register.

Scan or click to learn more*

Online member account services



oct-ooeo.ca/memberinfo

Professional standards



oct-ooeo.ca/standards

Member reporting obligations



oct-ooeo.ca/reportingobligations

Professional standards from an Indigenous perspective



oct-ooeo.ca/Rotinoonhsyon_ni

Professional advisories



oct-ooeo.ca/advisories

Resources to generate discussions with students and colleagues



oct-ooeo.ca/StandardsArtPosters

Find an AQ



oct-ooeo.ca/AQ

Steps to take if a complaint is filed against you



oct-ooeo.ca/complaints_discipline

Fulfilling certificate conditions



oct-ooeo.ca/certificateconditions

Sexual abuse prevention program



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*Subjects accessed via QR codes include tips listed in this publication and more.



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