

St Mary: Education & Career-Life Pathway Planning
Career Exploration: Military

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

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The Forces is made up of three armed services – **the Royal Canadian Navy**, the **Canadian Army** and the **Royal Canadian Air Force**. Each service plays an equally important role in protecting Canadian interests at home and abroad, and each offers many different careers.

As a member of the Forces you can choose to work full time in the Regular Force or part time in the Reserve Force. You also have the option of becoming an Officer or a Non-Commissioned Member (NCM), depending on the job you choose. Some career paths require specific skills and qualifications.

Officers are trained to be leaders in the Forces and are responsible for the soldiers, sailors, air men and air women in their command. To become an Officer, you will need a university education and leadership training.

Non-Commissioned Members are skilled personnel who provide operational and support services in the Forces. Some Non-Commissioned Members are trained as operators or technicians while others may work in the administrative or health services fields.

CAREER EXPLORATION

1) Do your research!

Explore the "Info for Families" section of www.forces.ca. Topics include "An Exciting Career", "Limitless Opportunities", "Education and Training", "Life in the Forces" and "Support"

Explore the "Browse Jobs" section of www.forces.ca. Get an overview of specific jobs, including education and training information, work environments and related civilian occupations.

2) Watch the videos!

There are many videos in various sections that highlight Life in the Forces, Careers in the Forces, Employment Options and much more.

3) Contact a recruiter!

Meet with a recruiter to discuss any questions. They are available to help weigh the pros and cons, review qualifications and offer advice on careers available. The recruiter can offer advice on what courses are needed, what paid education programs are available, and what potential career growth there may be.

TORONTO RECRUITING CENTRE

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POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

One of the key benefits of joining the Forces is paid education. When you enroll through the paid university or college programs, the Forces will pay for your university or college tuition, books and academic equipment in addition to providing a salary and benefits while you attend school.

In return for paying for your education, the Forces requires you to serve in the forces for a period of time following graduation. Time served is calculated on the basis of two months service for each month of paid education.

Military Education is provided through a wide variety of Colleges, Schools and Training Centres distributed across the country. They use real and virtual learning systems and network that support the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) organizations and individual CAF members to achieve education and training goals.

- **Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC) Kingston, ON**

The [Royal Military College of Canada \(RMCC\)](#) prepares officer cadets and naval cadets for a career in the profession of arms and continues the development of other Canadian Armed Forces members and civilians with interest in defence issues. The primary role of the RMCC is to educate and develop Canadians into leaders committed to serving the CAF and Canada.

- **Royal Military College Saint-Jean (RMC Saint-Jean) Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC**

The [Royal Military College Saint-Jean \(RMC Saint-Jean\)](#) prepares officer cadets and naval cadets for successful careers as commissioned officers in the Canadian Armed Forces by means of its academic, leadership, sports and bilingualism programs. RMC Saint-Jean ensures officer cadets and naval cadets a smooth transition from high school to university by providing college-level and first-year university programs in Science and Social Sciences. Each program is offered in both official languages and includes preparatory year and first year.

- **Canadian Forces College (CFC) Toronto, ON**

The [Canadian Forces College \(CFC\)](#) curricula and methods through which programmes are delivered have matured to the point of meeting the current needs and, in some instances, anticipating the future requirements, of the officer corps. The College is undeniably the cornerstone in the development of the Canadian Armed Forces' senior officer cadre.

- **Canadian Coast Guard College – Sydney, NS**

The Officer Training Program is offered by the [Canadian Coast Guard College](#). The goal of the program is to train individuals to become highly motivated and competent Ship's Officers who will serve at sea in the Canadian Coast Guard Fleet. Upon completion of the program, graduates will receive a diploma from the Canadian Coast Guard College, a Bachelor of Technology in Nautical Sciences from Cape Breton University, and Transport Canada certification as a Marine Navigation Officer or a Marine Engineering Officer.

OTHER RESOURCES

Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario) - Pickering, Ajax, Whitby: <http://www.2525armycadets.ca/>

Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association: <http://para-rescue.org/>

Royal Canadian Air Cadets - Pickering: <http://www.856aircadets.com/>

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets - Ajax: <http://www.rcsccharwood.com/>

Career Cruising

- Search under: *Careers > Explore Careers*

- Possible Careers include: Infantry, Non-Commissioned Member, Military Engineer, Military Officer