

Choose to Serve

Ontario's teaching profession regulates itself. This means that the people of Ontario trust teachers to govern their own profession using their collective specialized knowledge, skills and experience.

The College

The Ontario College of Teachers is the regulatory body that licenses every teacher and leader working in Ontario's publicly funded schools and school systems. The College establishes the high ethical and practice standards that Ontario's teaching professionals live out and aspire to, accredits teacher education programs and ongoing education (Additional Qualification) programs and resolves disciplinary matters in the public interest.

Council

The College's Council of 37 people includes 23 elected and 14 members of the public appointed by the provincial government. It is the face of self-regulation in Ontario teaching. Serving as board members, Council provides leadership for the teaching profession in Ontario.

Elections are held every three years. If you're a College member in good standing and interested in running for election or if you're a member of the public interested in serving as a public appointee, please read on.

What Council members do:

Working in the public interest and through their work on the College's statutory, regulatory, standing and special committees, Council members:

- review and accredit teacher education programs at Ontario faculties of education
- set policy direction for the accreditation of additional qualification courses, including principal and supervisory officer qualifications
- consider and rule on appeals about the accreditation of teacher education programs and courses
- receive, investigate and determine how to deal with complaints about College members relating to professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity
- conduct hearings into and make rulings on matters of professional misconduct or incompetence, and the physical and mental capacity of members
- oversee editorial and advertising policy for *Professionally Speaking*, the College's official publication
- review and approve the College finances, budget and investments
- ensure the ongoing relevancy of Council elections through reviews of election regulations, bylaws, boundaries and population distribution
- are responsible for the hiring process of the Registrar and the Deputy Registrar
- provide ongoing advice to the Registrar about human resources policies and programs, including salary administration
- assess the College's progress in meeting its legislated objectives
- consider appeals from applicants denied membership in the College.

Public Members Vital to Council

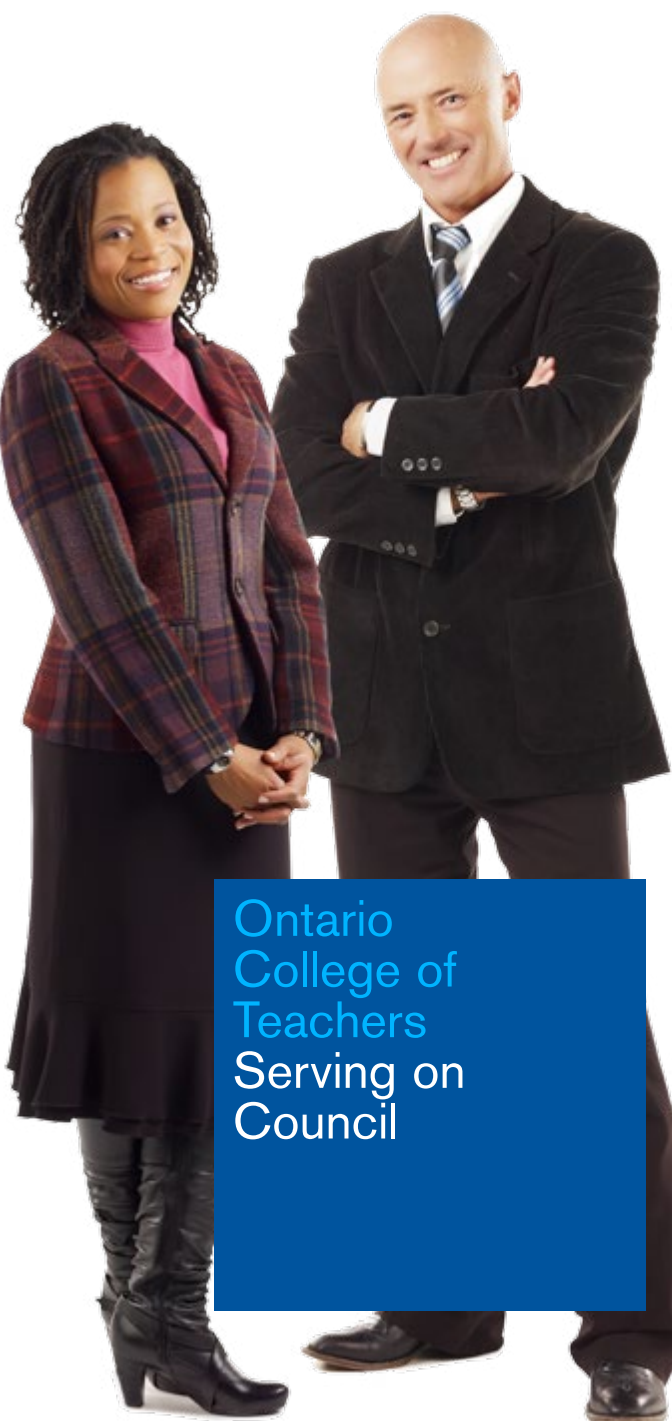
Ontario's provincial government appoints 14 people to represent the public on Council. You can apply online at the Public Appointments Secretariat website at www.pas.gov.on.ca.

If you're selected as a candidate, you will be asked to complete a conflict of interest disclosure statement. Community volunteerism, geography and language capacity are considered when making appointments to Council.

Appointments are for one, two or three-year terms and service is limited to a maximum of seven years.

Public Interest Committee

The provincial government created the Public Interest Committee in 2006 to advise College Council with respect to its mandate to serve and protect the public interest. It meets four times a year and reports annually to Council. The Minister of Education appoints three members to the committee. To apply, go to www.pas.gov.on.ca.



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"Pursuing an opportunity to serve the teaching profession in Ontario in the public interest is easy and rewarding."

- Angela De Palma, OCT
Council Chair



How to Run

Council elections are conducted once every three years. College members vote online via a secure system that is validated by external auditors.

Determine your eligibility

- you are a College member in good standing
- you live in the geographical region of the position you're seeking
- you are employed in the region or system or position that you want to represent
- **you are prepared to commit to three years of service and involvement on Council committees**

Seek nomination

- get 10 or more colleagues to sign your nomination form. Each must be in good standing, be eligible to run in your category, and must agree to only nominate you
- write your biography and provide any additional information, provide a photo, and submit your completed nomination form on time

What you require

- Attestation – If you stand for election, you must attest that you're eligible for the position and that the information in your nomination package is accurate.
- Oath of office – All Council members swear or affirm an oath of office as a condition to taking a seat. Council members vow to serve and protect the public interest without deference to or in conflict with any other paid or voluntary positions they may hold.

Term of office – Commitment

Generally speaking, the term of office for an elected member is from July 1 following the election to June 30 three years later.

Getting the word out

Once your candidacy has been approved, you will have the chance to communicate with voters. A list of all qualified candidates in all categories is published in *Professionally Speaking* and posted to the College's website, along with your biography, photo and information from your nomination form.

Why you should consider running for Council

Serving on Council is a privilege and a unique opportunity to use your knowledge, experience and insights with others to govern the Ontario teaching profession in the public interest.

As a College member in good standing, you are already a practising professional committed to the well-being of Ontario students. As a member of the Ontario College of Teachers Council, you extend your passion and commitment to the betterment of the profession across the province.



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Yes, I would like to receive more information on:

- Running for Council as an elected member
 Being appointed to Council by the province

Contact information:

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