



Ontario Association for
Applied Architectural Sciences

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF THE OAA



Lic. Tech. OAA Member, Tom Tsaktsiris and Executive Director | Registrar, Garry Neil

100th OAA Licence Issued to OAAAS Member

OAAAS is delighted to announce that Tom Tsaktsiris is the 100th person in Ontario to become a Licensed Technologist OAA.

Tom is a principal at Toronto's Page + Steele Architects (IBI Group), one of the oldest architectural practices in the province. The 100th OAA licence is an important milestone for OAAAS.

"As a firm, you need a diversity of skills and knowledge to stay competitive, and my credential as a Licensed Technologist OAA is an important part of our mix," says Tom. Responsible for a team of five people, he is currently looking after six high profile buildings in Toronto. "They are different building types and each is at a different stage of development, from permit to tender to construction. I'm passionate about what I do, it's not just a job."

Since graduating with a diploma in Architectural Technology from George Brown College, Tom has worked to upgrade his credentials. He has a degree from Ryerson University in Architectural Science and received his LEED designation in 2009. "When I was looking for the next step in my career development, I realized that OAAAS would be a great fit because of its connection to the OAA."

OAAAS is the technology program of the OAA. Through the OAAAS process, suitably qualified technologists can apply for an OAA licence (with limitations, terms and conditions).

"The process of accumulating my 7200 hours of work experience hours was positive, since it required that I be exposed to every aspect of the architectural process." Tom reports that Page + Steele/IBI Group supported him throughout the journey. "They made sure I could get the full range of required work experience and they even paid my fees, so I'm grateful."

"Attending the Admission Course alongside the intern architects was also a valuable learning experience, and there was a real camaraderie and sense of pride among those of us working to become Licensed Technologists OAA," says Tom.

Tom is not quite sure where his career will go next. "Right now, I'm really happy at Page + Steele/IBI Group, since I get to work with great people on really exciting and challenging projects. But, I see my wife prospering in her own law practice and I wonder if a private architectural practice might be somewhere down the road." Tom continued, "One of the great things about being a Licensed Technologist OAA is that I have that career option open to me if I decide eventually to make such a move."



Tom and Garry discussing the Minto Yorkville Park Project that Tom is currently managing

Tom also offers advice for OAAAS. "We need to find new ways to promote the Licensed Technologist OAA to the province's architects." He added, "Technologists have significant skills and knowledge that they can bring to architectural practices. We often deserve the credit for making the project work in the real world."

Garry Neil, Executive Director | Registrar



LIC.TECH.OAA SEAL DESIGN COMPETITION

The OAAAS is launching a Lic.Tech.OAA seal design competition.

Anyone who has used or seen the Lic.Tech.OAA seal has probably already thought of a way to improve the design. Well now is your chance to submit a proposed redesign. The competition is open to all interested Lic.Tech.OAA members. **Submission deadline is February 1, 2016.**

Submission Instructions

- Designs must be submitted in a PDF format and emailed to RommyR@oaaas.ca.
- The text in the seal design must contain the name, title and OAA number.
- Please refer any questions to Rommy Rodriguez at RommyR@oaaas.ca or 416-795-5977.

It is important to note that the Lic.Tech.OAA seal is the property of the Ontario Association of Architects. The OAAAS reserves the right to decide whether or not to forward the winning design to the OAA. The final decision on changing the seal rests exclusively with the OAA.

NEW LICENSED TECHNOLOGIST OAA MEMBERS



Congratulations to the following members who recently received their Licensed Technologist OAA Licence:

Jeffrey Chaput	Alison Michelin
Christina Facey	Jonathan Ring
Wojtek Kowalewski	Tom Tsaktsiris
Gregory McLeod	Karl Tuomisto

NEW OAAAS MEMBERS



We would like to welcome the following new OAAAS members:

Bradley Beaton	Nicholas Laurin
Benjamin Dallas	Hong Li
Paul Dhir	Raymond McCarthy
Adam Dunn	Dave Wakerlin
Patrick Florent	Rammy Wong
Paul Henderson	



2016 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JAN 2016

OAA Admission Course

The 2016 OAA Admission Course will be held during the 2016 OAA Annual Conference in Toronto. Technologist OAAAS members will receive their registration information by January.

JAN - DEC 2016

New membership invoicing system being implemented

OAAAS has adopted a new model of invoicing member dues, based on the calendar year (rather than the member's anniversary date). In December 2015 all members who have not paid their 2016 dues will receive an invoice for the 2016 calendar year. Thereafter, members will be invoiced every December for the following calendar year. Harmonizing our invoicing with the OAA system reduces the challenge for members moving to OAA licensure and reduces the administrative burden on OAAAS.

FEBRUARY 1

Lic.Tech.OAA Seal Design Competition

The OAAAS is proud to announce the launch of the **Lic.Tech.OAA Seal Design Competition**. The competition is open to all interested Lic.Tech.OAA members. **Submission deadline is February 1, 2016**. See page 2 for details.

FEBRUARY 26

New Advanced Standing Program Application Deadline

Do you have the experience needed to become a Licensed Technologist OAA by August 2016?

The Advanced Standing Program is intended to give qualified senior architectural technicians and technologists an opportunity to qualify for certification as a Licensed Technologist OAA based on extensive work experience in the building field. For more detailed information visit: [Advanced Standing Program Guide](#)

MAY 11 - 13



The 2016 OAA Annual Conference, **Architecture Matters - Shaping the Environment**, will be held in Toronto May 11-13 at the Allstream Centre in Exhibition Place. For more information visit: [OAA Annual Conference](#). This is the perfect opportunity to complete all your continuing education hours!

JUNE 21 and NOV 22

2016 Exam Dates

The new 2016 OAAAS examination dates are June 21 and November 22. Note that you must have attended the OAA Admission Course in order to be eligible to write the exam. If you are interested in writing the exam in 2016 and have not yet attended the Admission Course, then you must attend the May 11-13, 2016 Admission Course. To register, contact OAAAS Administration, RommyR@oaaas.ca.

JUNE 30

2014-16 ConEd Cycle Ends

The deadline for completing the 2014-2016 continuing education hours is **June 30, 2016**. Please ensure you have logged all of your hours in your transcript by this date as you will lose access to the page on July 1.

PayPal Payments

Do you want to pay your invoice on-line? Members now have the option of paying their annual membership dues and other fees via **PayPal**. To request a PayPal invoice contact our office: RommyR@oaaas.ca.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CYCLE 2014-2016

The deadline for completing the current 2014-2016 continuing education cycle is **June 30, 2016.**

Technologists OAAAS members and Lic.Tech.OAA are required to complete specific continuing education activities (hours) for every two year Continuing Education Cycle. It is the responsibility of the member to record their hours on their ConEd Transcript found on the OAA/OAAAS website.

Continuing education hours include [Structured](#) and [Unstructured Learning](#).

Member's Specific ConEd Responsibilities

[Technologist OAAAS](#) members must complete **15 hours of learning** (minimum of five hours of Structured learning and 10 hours of Unstructured learning)

[Licensed Technologist OAA](#) members must complete **35 hours of learning** (minimum of 12 hours of Structured learning and 23 hours of Unstructured Learning)

For complete details on the ConEd program visit the following links:

[Program Requirements](#), [Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria](#)

ConEd activities are constantly being posted on the website. See the [LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES](#) link for ongoing ConEd opportunities, such as upcoming Distance Education Modules, Education Sessions and Lunch and Learns.

Steps for Completing your ConEd Responsibilities

ConEd Transcript					
OAA Member Name:					
*** ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT ***					
ACTIVITY	TITLE	HOURS	DATE	STATUS	CREDIT POINTS
1001	Introduction to Speech Communication	3.0	3.0	A	12.0
1002	Introduction to Business Computers	3.0	3.0	B	9.0
1003	English Composition	3.0	3.0	A	12.0
1004	English Composition II	3.0	3.0	B	9.0
1005	Analytical Geometry & Calculus I	3.0	3.0	B	9.0
1006	Classical Physics	3.0	3.0	A	12.0
MEMBER TOTAL					
		18.0	18.0		63.0

1007	Oral and Written Reporting	3.0	3.0	A	12.0
1008	Engineering Physics I	3.0	3.0	A	12.0
1009	Analytical Geometry & Calculus II	3.0	3.0	A	12.0
1010	Classical Physics II	3.0	3.0	B	9.0
1011	Introduction to Reporting	3.0	3.0	B	9.0
MEMBER TOTAL					
		15.0	15.0		54.0
MEMBER TOTAL					
		33.0	33.0		117.0

To complete your ConEd responsibilities follow these steps:

Record your ConEd activities/hours on your ConEd transcript on an ongoing basis. Your ConEd transcript can be found on the OAA/OAAAS website.

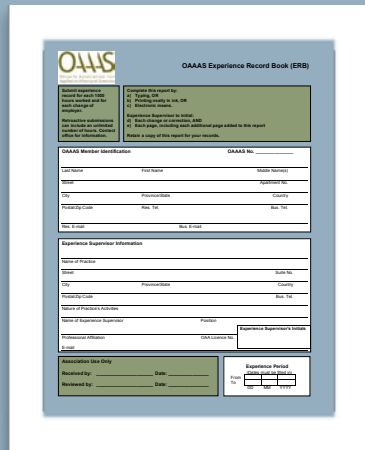
Direct access link: [Transcripts](#).

To log onto your ConEd transcript use the Username and Password that was issued to you when you joined the OAAAS. These coordinates will be activated when your membership is reclassified to the Technologist OAAAS level.

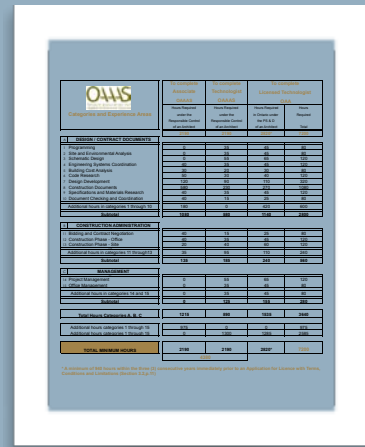
Once you complete the required hours, your transcript status will read: Completed.

Technologist OAAAS members are reminded to keep of a copy of the completed transcript, as you will need to submit it to the OAAAS Office when you apply for your Licensed Technologist OAA licence.

Documents that will assist you to submit your work experience hours



[Click for Experience Record Book](#)



Category + Experience Areas Chart
[Click here for PDF](#)

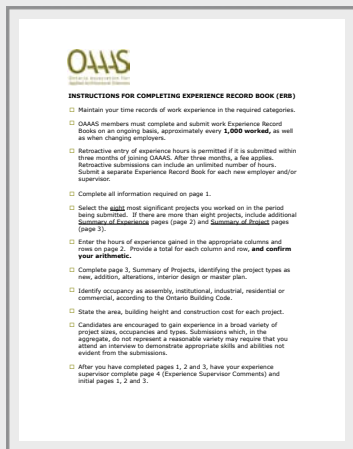
SUBMISSION OF WORK EXPERIENCE HOURS

As soon as you join OAAAS, you should begin submitting your work experience hours. This involves keeping track and recording your newly accumulated work experience hours on the official [Experience Record Book \(ERB\)](#) and mailing it periodically to the OAAAS office for validation and calculation, approximately every 1000 hours. This rule does not apply to retroactive submissions which are experience hours gained prior to joining OAAAS, which must be submitted within three months of joining OAAAS.

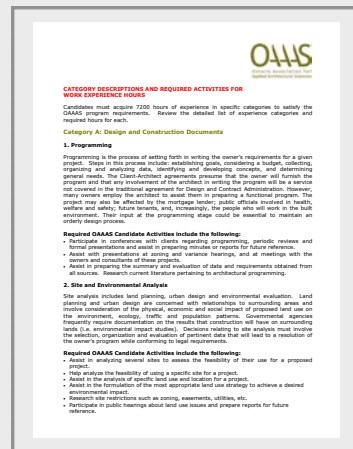
Once your hours have been calculated you will receive a Summary Report that highlights the specific hours that are still required to move to the next certification level. For complete instructions and necessary documents visit the [OAAAS Program Guide](#). See below and side bar for examples of the key documents that will assist you in reporting your work experience hours. See Program Guide for further details.

In total, a member is required to obtain a minimum of 7200 hours of experience in specified categories while working with or for an architect. Check the Program Guide for a description of the acceptable architectural employment situations.

New Associate OAAAS members can submit an unlimited amount of retroactive work experience within the first three months of joining OAAAS. This opportunity allows new members to complete their Associate OAAAS work experience hours faster and reach the Technologist OAAAS level of certification. At present, there is no limit on the number of experience hours you can claim retroactively, providing the submission is within the three month deadline.



Instructions for Completing Experience Record Book - ERB
(Program Guide, Page 12)



Category Descriptions + Required Activities for Work Experience Hours
(Program Guide, Appendix B)

OAA CLASSIFIEDS

If you are looking for a new employment opportunity, we highly recommend that you visit the Classified Section of the OAA website where new employment postings are continually posted for architects and ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS.

See [EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES](#) for ongoing new employment postings.



The Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences is an association for technologists working in the architectural field. Through OAAAS, a qualified professional can become a Licensed Technologist OAA and member of the Ontario Association of Architects.

Our Mission

The OAAAS establishes the education, experience and examination requirements for three categories of building designers: Associate OAAAS, Technologist OAAAS and Licensed Technologist OAA. The OAA Council has established the scope of practice and the terms of the limited licence.

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