

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF THE OAA



Ontario Association for
Applied Architectural Sciences

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With preparation for the upcoming OAA conference, OAA Admission Course, and the OAAAS student awards, the board and, particularly, the staff of OAAAS are as busy as ever. Work at spreading the word about OAAAS at colleges, architectural practices, and local architectural societies continues. Some individual Licensed Technologist OAAs have also been busy speaking with local building departments educating them on what it means to be a Lic.Tech.OAA. Additionally, we've had ongoing dialogue with the OAA and I'm pleased to report that in the near future the OAA will have specific contracts for Lic.Tech.OAAs available to use with Client-Lic.Tech.OAA agreements.

I'm proud that at the last OAA council meeting, I was able to represent the OAAAS and converse with OAA council about the future of our association. The feedback was positive and the OAA is very supportive of the program.

I look forward to on-going discussions with OAA council about the next phase of development for OAAAS.

As a marketing initiative, we've begun the process of developing a short promotional video for the OAAAS. I'm excited about seeing the final results and look forward to witnessing its official launch at the upcoming OAA Conference. This video should prove to be a very useful tool for explaining what OAAAS represents and what licensed technologists do.

As always, feel free to contact me with any concerns, suggestions, or questions you may have about the OAAAS at president@oaaas.ca.

**Jeremiah Gammond,
Lic.Tech.OAA,
President OAAAS**

2 MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors is developing a Code of Professional Conduct for OAAAS members. Before implementing the Code, members are invited to comment on the draft which is below. Please send all comments to GarryN@oaaas.ca no later than April 15.

Members of OAAAS who are Lic.Tech.OAA are covered by the OAA Code of Ethics and by the Regulations of the *Architects Act* which identify what constitutes professional misconduct. Members who have not yet achieved this certification are in a position where there are no

recognized rules of conduct.

The Board feels that this vacuum should be filled. The proposed Code is a positive statement of the standards of conduct to which all professional technologists should adhere.

We look forward to your input.

Garry Neil
Executive Director | Registrar

PROPOSED CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

OAAAS members are professionals in architectural technology working in building design, construction and related fields. Whether employed, on contract, or working directly for clients, each member will at all times act in a professional manner and with personal integrity, and will adhere to the following principles:

1. Treat everyone with whom they work fairly, honestly and in good faith.
2. Give priority to the safety and health of the public at all times and, as necessary, report unsafe situations to colleagues and/or the appropriate public authorities.
3. Respect the natural and cultural environments in which they work.
4. Undertake a professional assignment only when they are qualified by training or experience, and when they can complete it in a timely manner.
5. Provide a professional opinion only when it is founded on adequate knowledge and an honest conviction.
6. Provide a professional standard of care when providing services to the public.
7. Where appropriate, maintain the confidentiality of information and documents provided to them.
8. Avoid conflicts of interest, but where a conflict arises fully disclose its nature to employers, clients and colleagues without delay.
9. Commit to the principle of lifelong learning to ensure professional knowledge and skills remain current.
10. Uphold the principle of adequate compensation for professional assignments.
11. Promote public awareness of the profession and the OAAAS.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS	
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CONED)	<p>REMINDER - CYCLE 2012-2014 ENDS JUNE 30, 2014</p> <p>The end of the current ConEd Cycle is June 30, 2014. If you haven't done so already, login to your transcript here and familiarize yourself with the new reporting system. If you have any questions about the process contact RommyR@oaaas.ca or oaaconed@oaa.on.ca. You are strongly advised to avoid the end of cycle rush!</p>
CONED RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>Technologist OAAAS: 15 hours of learning (minimum of 5 hours of structured learning)</p> <p>Licensed Technologist OAA: 35 hours of learning (minimum of 12 hours of structured learning)</p> <p>Please see the Structured and Unstructured Learning pages for more detailed information. As well, the following link has further information about the ConEd program: Program Requirements, Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria. If you have any problems, please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca or oaaconed@oaa.on.ca.</p>
NEW 2014 OAAAS EXAM DATES	<p>Friday, June 20, 2014 and Friday, November 14, 2014 To register please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca</p>
OAAAS AT THE 2014 OAA CONFERENCE	<p>The OAAAS will be present at the 2014 OAA Annual Conference being held in Montreal, QC from May 7-9, 2014. This years conference topic is Heritage Architecture Inspiration: Understanding our past, building a better future. Click here for more information.</p>
2014 OAAAS STUDENT AWARDS	<p>The 2014 OAAAS Student Award winners will be announced at the OAA Annual Conference Networking Luncheon, Friday, May 9. Award winning projects will also be featured during the Conference.</p>
NEW MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OPTION	<p>The members have spoken and we have listened! Effective April 1, 2014, members will have the option of paying their annual membership dues and other fees online, via PayPal. Instructions will be included in future invoices on how you can access this service. Please note that the new PayPal payment option will include a small administration fee.</p>
NEW EXPERIENCE RECORD BOOK (ERB)	<p>The Experience Record Book (ERB) has been revised to eliminate the 'Other' Column located on page two of the record book. Effective immediately, hours logged in this column will not be accepted. For the newly revised Experience Record Book template visit: http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaaas</p>

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ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM

New Submission Deadline:
Friday, May 30, 2014

OAAAS is pleased to announce the revised OAAAS Advanced Standing Program (ASP). This 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. A candidate for advanced standing must demonstrate they meet the educational qualification and must document work experience on standard Project Summary Forms supplied by OAAAS. The candidate must have gained some experience working for an architect and may also include projects you have done on your own. Finally, the candidate must prepare a portfolio including drawings and other documents.

Candidates for advanced standing will be interviewed by an Interview Team to review the portfolio to ensure the OAAAS work experience component, which is mandatory for all Licensed Technologists OAA, is satisfied.

An 'experienced candidate' must verify comprehensive architectural experience over a prescribed number of years, depending on their level of post-secondary education.

Within this work experience, a candidate must demonstrate contemporary knowledge of Ontario laws and regulations by submitting documentation to demonstrate they have at least 940 hours of work experience in Ontario within the three consecutive years prior to submitting an application to the OAA.

Eligibility

A candidate must meet the following 12-Year Experience Rule:

- 10 years experience required for senior architectural technicians and technologists who have a 2-year college diploma (12-2 = 10), or
- 9 years experience required for senior architectural technicians and technologists who have a 3-year college diploma (12-3 = 9), or
- 8 years experience required for senior architectural technicians and technologists who have a 4-year college or university diploma or degree (12-4 = 8).

For more detailed information please visit: <http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaaas>

FEATURE YOUR ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT IN THE OAAAS NEWSLETTER

If you are currently working on an exciting project or have recently completed one and would like to share it with your colleagues, this is your opportunity. We are looking to feature member projects in the next OAAAS Newsletter.

The OAAAS Newsletter is distributed to the OAAAS Membership, OAAAS and OAA Board of Directors, Ontario Colleges as well as featured on our website. Accepted articles will be included in the Newsletter at the Marketing Committees discretion.

Article requirement are:

- Maximum 300-400 words
- Two images in JPEG format, minimum 300 dpi
- Submission deadline for the next issue is Friday, May 30, 2014.

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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new OAAAS Members:



Joseph Ayrheart

Ray Lall

Nicholas Bowker

Yulian Semenov

Reagan Chi

Joseph Tontodonati

Daniella Cuzzucoli

Frederick Villarete

Tia Jantzi

Shafiq Williams

SUBMITTING YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE HOURS

If you are new to this responsibility, do not worry, it is not as daunting as it may seem. Submitting your work experience hours involves keeping track, logging and periodically submitting your newly accumulated work experience hours to the OAAAS Administrator in the [OAAAS Experience Record Book \(ERB\)](#).

Once your hours have been calculated you will be sent a Summary Report that outlines and highlights the areas and specific hours that are still required to move to the next certification level. For specific instructions, visit:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaaas>, click on the OAAAS grey tab labeled:

EXPERIENCE.

We recommend that you review the following documents to help you map out the number of work experience hours that you require for each certification level and to assess under what specific categories these hours should be placed. These documents can be found in the [OAAAS Program Guide](#).

Categories and Experience Areas (Page 10)**Experience Area Description and Required Activities (Appendix B)**

New Members can also take advantage of a **limited time opportunity to submit retroactive work experience hours** accumulated prior to joining OAAAS. This must be done within the **first three months** from the date you become an OAAAS member and can potentially give you a head start in reaching Technologist OAAAS membership. We highly recommend that you respect your submission deadline once you begin logging hours, since it makes it easier for you and OAAAS. If you cannot, we ask that you please inform us.

Members have also found it beneficial to engage their supervising Architect or Licensed Technologist OAA early on in the process. Your supervisor will then be able to assist you to ensure that future work experience will assist you to fulfill the requirements of the certification process. Employee time sheets can also be very useful.

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.

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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