

## Peel Profile: Ron Ho, Sheridan Ford Lincoln, Mississauga



Ron Ho, an eighteen year old graduate of Cawthra Park Secondary School, used his grade 12 co-operative education placement as a springboard to a satisfying career.

“Ron was one of those students who impressed us from the start,” said Chris Scott, Service Advisor with Sheridan Lincoln Ford. “He is a good listener, a quick learner, and someone who works well independently. We’re very happy to have him here.”

Ron registered as an apprentice under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) while he was still a student. He was delighted when Sheridan Lincoln Ford offered him an opportunity to continue his apprenticeship (with pay) after graduation. “This is a good place to work,” he said, “I have learned a lot and I really enjoy it here.”

Ford Canada and the local dealership will share the cost of further training provided at Centennial College under the Ford Assets Program. This program provides eight full months of classroom training over a 16 month period at Centennial’s state-of-the-art facility.

Ron is not the first high school student registered as an apprentice by Sheridan Lincoln Ford. “We currently have two licensed techs and one on the verge of receiving his qualifications who started with us as co-op students,” said Chris Scott. “We’ve worked with a number of secondary schools in the area and we find these placements a great source of quality, potential long-term employees.”

Jeanette Hamilton, a co-operative education teacher at Cawthra Park Secondary School in Mississauga, cites Sheridan Lincoln Ford as a model employer. “They have consistently offered great experience and training for our students,” she said. “Sheridan Lincoln Ford is a wonderful community partner whose work with secondary schools benefits all of us.”