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Social Service Worker

Ontario College Diploma | 2 years
Davis Campus (Brampton) / Trafalgar Road Campus (Oakville)



Gain skills to work in a wide range of community service environments.

Critical training

In this program, you'll learn from professors and guest speakers who have considerable experience in family therapy, policy development, social work, social justice and other social service fields. You'll gain a solid skills foundation through a laboratory practicum, and you'll develop plans for starting and running a service organization.

Things you'll learn to do

- Conduct effective assessments.
- Manage interventions.
- Develop advocacy strategies relevant to a client's needs.
- Work with government agencies to navigate regulations.
- Become fully aware of the services available and how to deliver them.
- Understand the scope of your practice and when (and where) to refer clients.

Hands-on experience

The Social Service Worker program maintains connections with hundreds of organizations – including community-based organizations, group homes, children's aid organizations and youth centres – that welcome our students for their Year 2 practicum placements. You'll complete more than 600 hours of field placement in a social service setting, reinforcing the practical skills you've learned in class.

Career Opportunities

Sheridan is your key to a great career in social service work. When you graduate from the Social Service Worker diploma program, you'll be eligible for frontline positions in the field.

HERE ARE SOME PLACES YOU MIGHT WORK:

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| Crisis centres | Drop-in centres |
| Employment centres | Food banks |
| Group home and mental health settings | Homeless shelters |
| Newcomer centres | Women's shelters |

Courses

SOME OF THE COURSES YOU CAN EXPECT TO TAKE IN YOUR PROGRAM

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| Advanced Helping Skills | Crisis Intervention & Trauma Informed Practice |
| Migration & Settlement Studies | Psychology Core Concepts |
| Social Policy, Social Justice & Change | Social Service Practice |

How to apply:

5 easy steps

- 1 Find your program
- 2 Check the admission requirements
- 3 Apply online
- 4 Submit your documentation
- 5 Accept your offer

Ready to get started?

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- Weekly webinars
- Appointments with Career Advisers



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Admission Requirements

Program Eligibility

Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, including these required courses:

- One English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or ENG4U)

or

Mature student status.

Applicant Selection

Eligible applicants will be selected on the basis of previous academic achievement (the average of their six highest senior-level credits, including required courses).

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements for this program may be advised individually regarding other related programs.

Preparation for Application

Related volunteer and/or part-time employment in a social service setting or with older adults is highly encouraged.

Criminal Record Check and Immunization Requirements

Sheridan field placement agencies may require a police record check for criminal offences, a vulnerable sector check and/or a current record of immunization. Students will be required to provide this documentation directly to their field placement prior to the start of the placement and at their own expense. Students who cannot meet these requirements may have limited field placement opportunities.

*Course duration for September starts is two academic years. Course duration for January starts is 16 months continuous.

English Language Proficiency

All applicants whose first language is not English must meet Sheridan's English proficiency requirements.

Refer to the website for full admission requirements.