



### Overview

Social service work is an extremely broad field. But at its heart, social service work is all about one thing: helping people. Are you a people-oriented individual, excited to make a difference in the community?

Confederation College's Social Service Worker program can give you the tools and knowledge you need to get your start in social service work. You'll get a solid background with courses in social welfare, mental health, interpersonal effectiveness, communications, addictions and applied professional practice. Work placements will reinforce your in-class learning, providing you with on-the-job experience that will help you start building a résumé before you graduate. You'll learn how to use available community resources as well as your own skills to make a real difference in people's lives.



### Top Highlights

- Upon successful completion of this program you will be able to apply to become a member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Gain valuable experience working with all population groups from young children to senior citizens
- Gain broad experience in many different areas of social service work
- Available as an accelerated program for those with a college diploma or university degree in certain related fields



### Learner Testimonial

The Social Service Worker program was a valuable and life changing experience that provided me with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the Social Service field. With the skilled instructors support and motivation, came growth and determination that helped me reach my ultimate goal.

Christina D. / Alumna / 2012 / Addiction Counsellor

# Social Service Worker

## Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

## Alternative Pathways

If you do not meet these admission requirements, we encourage you to consider our College Access or General Arts and Science Certificate or General Arts and Science Diploma programs, or Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE); if you successfully complete one of these programs, you will be eligible to apply to programs in the Community Services area.

## Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Social Service Worker program go on to positions including Social Service Worker (only members of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers may use this title), Outreach Worker, Case Manager, Intake Worker, Support Worker, Facilitator, Family Worker and Program Coordinator. You'll have opportunities in a variety of settings including public welfare agencies at various levels of government, as well as with private agencies in the fields of child and family services, addictions, mental health, community development, domestic violence and others.

## Articulation Agreements

Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credits earned throughout this program to be transferred to programs at other colleges and universities.

Visit: [confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements](http://confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements) for more information.

## First Semester

SS 121 Family Violence  
SS 115 Interpersonal Effectiveness I  
SS 116 Social Welfare I  
CS 007 Persuasive Writing  
PY 199 Introductory Psychology  
SS 231 Case Management & Mental Health  
SY 066 Sociology of Community:  
The Indigenous Context

## Second Semester

SS 215 Basic Interviewing Skills  
SS 217 Practice Techniques  
SS 223 Addictions  
SS 250 Field Placement Preparation  
SS 230 Interventions with Children & Families  
SS 130 Community Development  
CS 223 Communications for Community Services

## Third Semester

SS 335 Applied Professional Practice  
SS 350 Field Placement I  
SS 336 SSW Interventions & Theory I  
GE General Elective

## Fourth Semester

SS 435 Applied Professional Practice II  
SS 436 Social Services Work Interventions & Theory II  
SS 451 Field Placement II

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