



CREDENTIAL
Ontario College Diploma

PROGRAM CODE
Fall: 0139
Fall Accelerated: 0162

AREA OF INTEREST
Community Services

LOCATION
Thunder Bay

DURATION
2 -year

Overview

Do you love to work with people and want career options in your future? Do you hope to make a difference in the world? Supporting people living with a disability, such as Autism or Down Syndrome, is a great way to do just that.

Confederation College's Developmental Services Worker program will give you the skills and experience you need to support individuals in living their life to the fullest. Coursework includes study in developmental disabilities, teaching strategies, health promotion, augmentative communication and assistive technology, pharmacology, dual diagnosis, trends and issues, behavioural supports, counselling skills and community development. If you believe in inclusion, individualization and empowerment for all people in our community, this program is for you!



Top Highlights

- Program includes two field placements so that you can learn in real-world environments
- Gives you the knowledge and skills that you need to support people to reach their full potential
- Practice knowledge and skills in a lab setting and plan real community events with schools and agencies
- Also offered as an accelerated program for those with a college diploma in a community services program or those with a degree in a related field



Experiential Learning

Field Placement



Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Developmental Services Worker program go on to find positions in a variety of settings providing services and supports for persons with disabilities. Examples in Thunder Bay and the region include Wesway, OPTIONS northwest Personal Support Services, City of Thunder Bay Recreation & Culture Division Inclusion Services, Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living, Avenue II, Brain Injury Services of Northern Ontario, Community Living Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board and Lakehead Public Schools.

Roles include Student Support Professional, Employment Support Specialist, Residential/Community Support Worker, Advocate, Family Support Worker and others.



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Developmental Services 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).

Program Requirements

- Standard First Aid and CPR Level C.
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training completed within the first semester.
- Immunizations and TB Skin Test up-to-date.
- Physical demands (possess the physical capability to lift and support people).
- Criminal record check with vulnerable sector screening.

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.

Accelerated Option

Developmental Services Worker is also available as an accelerated program for those with a college diploma or university degree in community services or other related fields.

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 for more information.

First Semester

CS 050 College Writing
DS 115 Prof. & Field Placement Preparedness
DS 127 Developmental Disabilities
DS 133 Pharmacology
DS 234 Applied Behavioural Analysis
DS 341 Health Promotion

Second Semester

CS 223 Communications for Community Services
DS 129 Intervention Strategies
DS 345 Dual Diagnosis
DS 347 Person Directed Planning
DS 452 Field Placement

Third Semester

DS 236 Trends & Issues in Developmental Services
DS 343 Behavioural Support Strategies
DS 349 Augmentative Communication
& Assistive Technology
GE General Elective
PY 063 Child Development
SS 116 Social Welfare

Fourth Semester

DS 232 Field Placement II
DS 238 Teaching Strategies
DS 456 Counselling Skills
DS 460 Community Development
GE General Elective



Have questions? Want to apply?
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