



CREDENTIAL	PROGRAM CODE	AREA OF INTEREST	LOCATION	DURATION
Ontario College Diploma	Fall: 0670 Winter: 0671	Indigenous	Thunder Bay	2 -year

Overview

Are you truly dedicated to upholding the richness of cultural diversity? Do you hold a deep desire for social justice, particularly when it comes to Indigenous children, families, and communities? Can you reliably demonstrate integrity, honesty, genuineness, and objectivity in all your actions? Are you enthusiastic about equipping yourself with a toolkit centered around prevention and well-being, ready to support those you will accompany as a future aid?

If your heart is set on a career that empowers you to forge a lasting and positive impact on the lives of families, individuals, and communities most in need of transformative change, your search ends here – this program is tailored for you!

At Onajigawin Indigenous Services, we are rooted in the wisdom of Indigenous Knowledge and Pedagogy, navigating the educational landscape with a decolonized perspective in both curriculum and assessment.



Top Highlights

- Graduates are eligible to become Registered Social Services Workers with the Ontario College of Social Work and Social Services Workers
- Prepare for positions in a variety of human service/helper settings including child welfare agencies, women’s shelters, urban Indigenous organizations and on-reserve services
- Field placements provide hands-on experience working with Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations
- Also offered as an accelerated program for those with a college diploma or university degree in a related field



Employment Opportunities

Graduates of this program are in high demand in both Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations with a focus on strengthening and empowering Indigenous families and children, and working to build healthy communities. These positions may include child welfare, youth outreach, prevention and health promotion, domestic violence intervention, community development, substance abuse treatment, policy, governance, advocacy and family healing programs.



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Experiential Learning

Field Placement



Onajigawin Indigenous Services

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).

Accelerated Program

Each year, a limited number of seats in the “Accelerated” Ontario College Diploma program will be available to qualified applicants.

- Degree or diploma from an accredited university or college in a related discipline.

If you are interested in taking this program and do not meet the above requirements, please consider our 2 year Native Child and Family Worker diploma program.

Other Requirements

Prior to the start of field placements, students must acquire:

- Criminal Record Check Some placement agencies may also require a Vulnerable Persons Criminal Record Check. Costs associated with criminal record check are the responsibility of the student.
- Standard First Aid/ Infant /Child CPR Certificate Arranging first aid training and payment is the responsibility of the student before going on placement.
- Immunization and current TB Skin Test.

Students need to maintain a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average for continuation of field placements from semester to semester.

Alternative Pathways

If you do not meet these admission requirements, we encourage you to consider the 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.

First Semester

CS 050 College Writing
NC 126 Intergenerational Examination of Indigenous Health and Wellbeing
NC 127 The Role of Indigenous Knowledge in Helping
NC 128 Cultural Safety and Humility Helpers
NC 240 Field Placement Seminar I
GE General Elective
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General Elective suggestion:
AL 100 *Indigenous Language & Culture*

Second Semester

NC 205 Field Placement I
NC 211 Interpersonal Skills
NC 231 Colonizing and Decolonizing Issues of Violence in Indigenous Communities
NC 232 Cultural Specific Helping with Indigenous Peoples
GE General Elective

Third Semester

NC 229 Child and Family Services Wellbeing and Reform
NC 304 A Sacred Family Circle
NC 329 Social Aspects of Aging
NC 402 Field Placement Seminar II
NC 414 Prepared Helper
SS 116 Social Welfare

Fourth Semester

NC 403 Field Placement II
NC 404 Cultural Continuity
NC 408 Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention



Have questions? Want to apply?
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