



# Personal Support Worker (PSW)



## Job Outlook

Employment  
Rate  
**87%**

Average Hourly  
Wage  
**\$21.00**

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Confederation College's Personal Support Worker is a one-year certificate program that gives students the skills they need to enter this healthcare field. Personal Support Workers are in high demand in a variety of clinical settings like long term care, home and community care, retirement homes, assisted living facilities, and acute care.

Personal Support Workers (PSW) are important members of the health care team, often working with nurses and other health care professionals and assisting them with patient care. PSWs also help individuals with the tasks of daily living such as home management, personal care, family responsibilities, and social and recreational activities. In this program, students take courses in supportive care, professional growth, helping relationships and assisting clients across the lifespan. Practical placements and in-the-field training further enhances student skills.

Upon graduation, many job vacancies are available throughout the Thunder Bay area and across Canada. Graduates are in high demand and find employment in private agencies, retirement homes, home-care settings, nursing homes, hospices or long-term care facilities.

Credential Upon Completion	Ontario College Certificate
Annual Fees (CAD)	\$18,107 + \$965 program costs (2024-25)
English Proficiency	IELTS 6.0, no band lower than 5.5
Eligible Applicants	High School Diploma or a Senior Secondary Diploma
Intake	September, January and May

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Note: Confederation College does not guarantee post-graduation employment or specific wage outcomes for graduates.