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Ontario College Certificate	Fall: O630   Winter: O620 Part-Time: O631	Health	Distance Education, Dryden, Fort Frances, Greenstone Campus, Kenora, Marathon, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Thunder Bay	1 -year

## Overview

### Empowering Care: Be the Heart of Healthcare

Embark on a rewarding career in healthcare with Confederation College's Personal Support Worker (PSW) program. This comprehensive one-year program prepares you to provide essential care and support to individuals across various healthcare settings. As a PSW, you'll play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for clients, working closely with them in their homes, long-term care facilities, hospitals, and community care settings.

Our recently updated curriculum reflects the evolving role of PSWs in the healthcare field. You'll gain hands-on experience through in-person courses, labs, and clinical placements, ensuring you're well-prepared for the demands of this vital profession. With the increasing demand for PSWs across various healthcare sectors, graduates enjoy excellent job prospects and opportunities for career growth.



### Top Highlights

- **High Demand:** PSWs are in high demand across various healthcare settings, offering excellent job prospects.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Gain practical skills through in-person courses, labs, and clinical placements.
- **Comprehensive Training:** Learn to provide care for clients across the lifespan, including palliative and end-of-life care.
- **Interprofessional Collaboration:** Develop skills to work effectively as part of a healthcare team.
- **Career Versatility:** Prepare for roles in long-term care, home care, hospitals, and community settings.



### Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Personal Support Worker program can find employment in various settings, including:

Long-Term Care Facilities, Home Care Agencies, Hospitals (Acute Care), Retirement Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Community Care Organizations, Hospices



### Ideal Candidate

- Compassionate, Patient, Physically Fit, A Strong Communicator



### Experiential Learning

Labs, Placement



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# Personal Support 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 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.

## Program Considerations

This program demands physical capabilities to facilitate the lifting and supporting of patients, maneuvering hospital equipment and fine motor skills for completion of technical tasks.

## Mandatory Fieldwork/Placement Requirements

- Prior to entering any clinical setting you **MUST HAVE** all of your field requirements completed.
- If your field requirements are not completed prior to starting your placement, you will not be allowed to begin placement. To avoid disappointment, the process of getting your requirements completed should be done prior to the beginning of semester.
- Visit [confederationcollege.ca/program/personal-support-worker/as-a-student](https://confederationcollege.ca/program/personal-support-worker/as-a-student) for a full list of requirements.

## First Semester

PW 101 Supportive Care Theory I  
CS 050 College Writing  
PN 128 Therapeutic Nurse Client Relationships  
PW 100 Fundamental Skills for PSW Practice  
PW 110 Fundamental Knowledge of PSW Practice  
PW 120 PSW Roles & Responsibilities  
PW 130 Anatomy & Physiology

## Second Semester

PW 200 PSW Clinical Practice I  
PW 208 PSW Clinical Preceptorship  
PW 220 Advanced Fundamental Knowledge of PSW Practice  
PW 233 PSW Care Across the Lifespan



**Have questions? Want to apply?**

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