



Overview

Feel you have the care, compassion and drive to help people?

Personal Support Workers (PSW) are important members of the health care team who assist persons with the tasks of daily living such as home management, personal care, family responsibilities, and social and recreational activities through a holistic approach. As a PSW, you will work with nurses and other health care professionals, assisting them with patient care. The PSW is also a vital part of community health care – and often the person who really makes someone's day when they need a smile the most.

Confederation College's Personal Support Worker one-year certificate program will give you the skills you need to get into the workforce faster. During this program, you'll take courses in supportive care, professional growth, helping relationships and assisting clients across the lifespan.



Living Classroom Highlights

- Innovative curriculum delivery model combining classroom and real-life experiences
- Students study on-site at healthcare facilities
- Immediately apply theory learned in the classroom by practicing skills in the healthcare setting
- Inter-professional, interactive learning environment
- Meets all guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Possible opportunities to gain meaningful employment when not fulfilling program requirements
- Options for tuition assistance - interest-free loans may be available for students



Learner Testimonial

After overcoming several obstacles in life, I landed in the Personal Support Worker program at Confederation College. I have always wanted to work with the older generation and really love the feeling of helping them with their daily needs. The program brought me a lot of joy and a total feeling of peace and serenity. I gained employment right away after graduation and have my great professors and my hard work to thank. My experience at Confederation College has helped me to move into a new stage of my life and teach my two young children that anything is possible.

Taru O. / Alumna / 2015

Personal Support Worker - Living Classroom

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.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates may find employment in private agencies, retirement homes, home-care settings, nursing homes, hospices or long-term care facilities.

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 for a full list of requirements.

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

- PW 101 Supportive Care Theory I
- PW 102 Professional Growth
- PW 107 PSW: Community Clinical
- PW 128 Helping Relationships
- PW 130 Anatomy & Physiology
- PW 109 Lab Skills for the Personal Support Worker

Second Semester

- PW 201 Supportive Care Theory II
- PW 207 PSW Practice II: Clinical
- PW 208 PSW Clinical: Consolidation
- PW 230 Growth & Development
- PW 209 Advanced Lab Skills for the Personal Support Worker
- CS 007 Persuasive Writing

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