



Overview

Social service work is an extremely broad field. But at its heart, social service work is all about one thing: helping people. Are you a people-oriented individual, excited to make a difference in the community?

Confederation College's Social Service Worker program can give you the tools and knowledge you need to get your start in social service work. You'll get a solid background with courses in social welfare, mental health, interpersonal effectiveness, communications, addictions and applied professional practice. Work placements will reinforce your in-class learning, providing you with on-the-job experience that will help you start building a résumé before you graduate. You'll learn how to use available community resources as well as your own skills to make a real difference in people's lives.



Top Highlights

- Upon successful completion of this program you will be able to apply to become a member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Gain valuable experience working with all population groups from young children to senior citizens
- Gain broad experience in many different areas of social service work
- Available as an accelerated program for those with a college diploma or university degree in certain related fields



Learner Testimonial

The Social Service Worker program was a valuable and life changing experience that provided me with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the Social Service field. With the skilled instructors' support and motivation, came growth and determination that helped me reach my ultimate goal.

Christina D. / Alumna / 2012 / Addiction Counsellor

Social Service 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).

Accelerated Option

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

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.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Social Service Worker program go on to positions including Social Service Worker (only members of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers may use this title), Outreach Worker, Case Manager, Intake Worker, Support Worker, Facilitator, Family Worker and Program Coordinator. You'll have opportunities in a variety of settings including public welfare agencies at various levels of government, as well as with private agencies in the fields of child and family services, addictions, mental health, community development, domestic violence and others.

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
SS 115 Interpersonal Effectiveness I
SS 116 Social Welfare I
SS 117 Foundation of Social Service Work Practice
SS 118 Intimate Personal Violence
SS 119 Family Dynamics
SY 125 Introduction to Sociology

Second Semester

CS 223 Communications for Community Services
PY 199 Introductory Psychology
SS 223 Addictions
SS 224 Community Practice
SS 228 Counseling Skills
SS 229 Case Management
SS 231 Mental Health

Third Semester

SS 337 Group Process and Practice
SS 338 Theory I
SS 350 Field Placement I & Seminar
GE General Elective

Fourth Semester

SS 437 Diversity in SSW Practice
SS 438 Theory II
SS 451 Field Placement II & Seminar II

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