

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER (SSPG)

Ontario College Diploma | 4 semesters | Barrydowne

Learn to help vulnerable or at-risk individuals, families, and groups deal with various personal and social problems through engaging fieldwork and in-depth casework. As a Social Service Worker student, you'll learn to be an effective communicator and understanding counsellor in order to encourage positive change in the lives of clients.

You will be challenged to bring a special level of maturity and motivation to your work, along with a commitment to work for social justice, a fundamental belief in the dignity and potential of people, and a desire to promote justice, equality, and access to culturally-appropriate services regardless of race, gender, age, religion, etc.

Cambrian's program is recognized by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, which allows you to apply to become a Registered Social Service Worker in Ontario when you graduate.

Program Highlights

- 2 years – 4 semesters
- 2 placements
- Dynamic course delivery that includes experiential learning, case studies, theoretical concepts, guest speakers, and real-world experience
- Mental health and dementia course options unique to Cambrian's program

Fieldwork/Placement

Two supervised field experiences with a community-based organization are integral parts of the program. You should budget for expenses incurred during out-of-town placements for those who qualify and for the first semester's week-long seminar (lunches, gas, parking, bus fare, etc.).

During the second semester, there will be a four-week block placement in a community agency. The entire fourth semester will be a placement in a community agency.

Registration to Practice

Persons who wish to use the title Social Service Worker or Registered Social Service Worker must be registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Generally, graduates who have obtained a two-year college diploma in social service work from a College of Applied Arts and Technology qualify for registration. It is the responsibility of the graduate to register with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

Quick Links

How to Apply (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply>)

Community Services (<http://cambriancollege.ca/field-of-study/community-services>)

Admission Requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C), (U), or (M)

Recommended:

- Computer competency in relevant software

Additional Requirements

- First Aid Certificate prior to field placement
- Criminal record check completed at least one month prior to field placement.
- Two-step TB test and flu shot (for some placements)

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Program Delivery

2019-2020

This program will be delivered in the following terms:

Fall Term Start

1. **SEMESTER 1** Fall 2019
2. **SEMESTER 2** Winter 2020
3. **SEMESTER 3** Fall 2020
4. **SEMESTER 4** Winter 2021

For specific term start/end dates and other key dates/deadlines, please see the Academic Schedule (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply/how-to-apply/academic-schedule>) on our website.

Program of Study

Semester 1		Credits
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
PSY 1050	Introduction To Psychology I	3
WES 1001	Communication in Small Groups I	3
WES 1110	Social Work Practice I	4
WES 1115	Social Services I	3
SOC 1007	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
The following General Education course:		3
GER 1200	Introduction To Gerontology	
Credits		22
Semester 2		Credits
ENG 1242	Speaking/Writing Comm. Services I	3
WES 1210	Social Work Practice II	4
WES 2330	Family Dynamics	3
WES 1240	Communication in Small Groups II	3
WES 1295	Field Work I	2
One of the following General Education courses:		3
BUS 1008	Personal Finance	
PSY 1125	Positive Psychology	
SCI 1001	Human Sexuality	

SSC 1000	Media and Current Events	
	Credits	18
Semester 3		
WES 1251	Ethics	3
WES 1215	Social Services II	3
WES 2052	Recording & Observation	3
WES 2320	Group Dynamics	3
WES 2310	Social Work Practice III	4
One of the following General Education courses:		3
BUS 1008	Personal Finance	
BUS 1015	Negotiation & Labour Relations	
GER 2310	Dementia	
PSY 1125	Positive Psychology	
SCI 1001	Human Sexuality	
	Credits	19
Semester 4		
WES 2490	Field Work II	20
	Credits	20
	Total Credits	79

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Fees

Tuition and Ancillary Fees

Please see our fees page (<http://CambrianCollege.ca/fees>) for the breakdown of tuition and mandatory ancillary fees by program and semester for both domestic and international students

Books & Supplies

The cost of books and supplies for Year 1 is approximately \$1,500. This is the best information available at the time of publishing to the website and is subject to change.

Graduate Options

Employment Opportunities

Graduates may seek employment for casework and counselling positions within:

- Social agencies of the municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- Non-government services and agencies
- Charitable organizations
- Clinics
- Foster and group homes
- Half-way houses
- Long term care and retirement homes

College/University Degree Opportunities

Graduates from this program may continue their studies at college/university and may receive credit for their prior College education.

Refer to College/University Agreements (<http://www.CambrianCollege.ca/agreements>) for further information.

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