

COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE SERVICES (CJSP)

Ontario College Diploma | 4 semesters | Barrydowne Campus

If you're passionate about law and justice and want to help at-risk and high-risk client groups in both community and institutional settings, the Community and Justice Services program is your path to an exciting career. This program blends corrections theory with practical experiences building your skills and confidence.

You begin college immersed in a two-night, three-day field trip experience of Indigenous ways of knowing. This unique one-of-a-kind experience takes you on a journey of self-discovery, perspective taking, and community building and challenges you to bring your strengths and grow into your skills as you trust the process and challenge yourself by choice. The foundational teachings in this field trip grow your understanding of self-care strategies and support your knowledge of healing/rehabilitation practices.

Every semester, we bring you to the field or the field experts to you with numerous guest speakers currently employed in the field who will share their tips, stories, and an outstanding breadth of knowledge. Our experienced and dedicated faculty are practiced in experiential, applied, service, and student as partner learning.

You will acquire public safety skills and learn to secure staff and clients in institutional, residential, community correction and group home settings. You will learn how to help clients across the continuum of the justice system with an emphasis on corrections, intervention in a trauma informed lens, and reintegration. You will train in the legal aspects of crime and behaviour, security measures and techniques including interviewing and intervention skills for young offenders, adult offenders and victims. You will identify and examine issues of diversity and inclusivity related to unique populations in community and justice services and corrections. Understand issues related to female and Indigenous offenders, addiction, group dynamics, behaviour management and victims within the criminal justice system.

The Justice Scenario room at Cambrian College is a unique learning space where faculty will involve students in simulations to hone skills and test competencies in a realistic setting using state of the art technology such as body cams and CCTV pan and tilts cameras to mimic the field. Our concentrated focus on practical application includes:

- therapeutic intervention and security
- communication and rapport building
- de-escalation and conflict resolution
- program development and facilitation
- report writing and case management

Your college experience is capped off with a **10-week, 350-hour field placement** follow by specialized professional development training in self-defense, suicide intervention, and interprofessional collaborative practices. These specialized trainings round out your skill set creating confidence and readiness for an exciting career in community and justice services.

Program Highlights

- 2 years – 4 semesters
- 10-week placement (350 hours)
- Tours of a youth centre, a federal minimum and medium security penitentiary, and a provincial jail (vulnerable sectors police clearance is required).
- Hands-on training in safety and security, motivational interviewing, observation, and reporting writing in the College's scenario room that features three cells and updated technology to practice your skills in a realistic environment.
- Guest experts include from federal, provincial, and community justice services, victim services and advocacy agencies
- Faculty with over 30+ years of field experience in federal and provincial adult corrections and youth justice
- Students exit the program with a solid, practical understanding of criminal and social justice issues in Canada, as well as the academic skills of analytical reasoning, critical thinking, and solid interpersonal communication skills.
- Specialized training within emerging issues and certification for:
 - Self-defense training
 - Non-violent crisis intervention (NVCPI)
 - Suicide Alertness (safeTALK)
 - Suicide intervention (ASIST)
 - Situational Awareness Specialist Certificate
 - Interprofessional Collaborative Practices

Fieldwork/Placement

This program includes a 10-week placement experience in the final semester where students are involved in an unpaid fieldwork experience for 350 hours. Where possible, the location of placement will correspond to the student's preferred choice of vocation. Field placement is restricted to students who have successfully completed or are completing all required courses.

4D Learning Opportunities

Cecil Facer Volleyball Recreation Nights - Students model professionalism and teamwork, practice rapport building, setting professional boundaries and maintaining confidentiality through their participation in weekly recreation nights of volleyball with young persons in conflict with the law that are serving their sentence at Cecil Facer Youth Centre. No requirement that you are skilled in volleyball, must bring positive energy, and a willingness to participate and challenge yourself. This long standing partnership gives students 4D experience beginning in your first semester and carrying throughout your time in the program. To be eligible to be involved students need a Criminal Records Check - Vulnerable Services Sector.

Additional Requirements

Graduates of Police Foundations Programs are eligible to complete the program in a compressed schedule using transferable credits. Students can successfully meet the requirements within one year while still gaining a placement experience of 260-280 hours. Please consult the Enrolment Centre for the exact tuition fees for this option as it can result in additional fees.

All students are required to produce a criminal records check for vulnerable sectors to attend institutional tours and participate in select volunteer experiences. It is strongly recommended that students obtain this prior to registration. An additional criminal reference check is

required for fourth semester placement where some placements will require an enhanced criminal records check that may take between six to eight weeks. Placements may also require Standard First Aid, CPR Level C and/or proof of immunization.

Quick Links

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

Law and Justice (<http://cambriancollege.ca/field-of-study/law-and-justice/>)

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) or (U)

Recommended:

- Any law class
- Computer competency in relevant software

Additional Requirements

Graduates of Police Foundations and Protection, Security and Investigations programs are eligible to complete the program in a compressed schedule using transferable credits. Students can successfully meet the requirements within one year while still gaining a placement experience of 280 hours. It is recommended you consult the Program Coordinator before applying to confirm the courses for this specialized stream of study. Additional tuition fees may apply.

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Program Delivery

2023-2024

This program will be delivered in the following terms:

Fall Term Start

1. **Semester 1** Fall 2023
2. **Semester 2** Winter 2024
3. **Semester 3** Fall 2024
4. **Semester 4** Winter 2025

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 for 2023-24 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
CWP 1210	Penology	3
CWP 2310	Community Corrections	3

ENG 1002	College Communications	3
LAW 1010	Canadian Criminal Justice	3
PSY 1050	Introduction To Psychology I	3
SOC 1153	Social Consciousness	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3

Credits 21

Semester 2

CWP 1006	Youth Justice	3
CWP 1012	Inclusive Practices I	3
CWP 1211	Law For Correctional Workers	3
ENG 1126	Commun. Skills/Justice Students I	3
CWP 2346	Addictions	3
PSY 1106	Tactical Communication	3
SOC 1210	Introduction To Criminology	3
One General Education courses.		3

Credits 24

Semester 3

CWP 1007	Inclusive Practices II	2
CWP 1010	Field Seminar I	3
CWP 2311	Program Assessment & Planning	3
CWP 2340	Correctional Casework	3
CWP 2350	Safety & Security	3
CWP 2450	Observation and Report Writing	3
PSY 1003	Concurrent Disorders, Mental Health & Addictions	3
FIT 1510	Physical Fitness and Wellness	2

Credits 22

Semester 4

CWP 1014	Field Placement	14
One General Education course. ¹		3

Credits 17

Total Credits 84

¹ For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (<https://cambriancollege.ca/general-education-electives/>).

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 \$800. This is the best information available at the time of publishing to the website and is subject to change.

Graduate Options

Employment Opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment opportunities in:

- Federal and provincial correctional institutions
- Open and secure custody settings for youth
- Residences for adult offenders (halfway houses, treatment centres)
- Residences for youth who are in conflict with the law (group homes)
- Federal and provincial government ministries – Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Corrections Services Canada, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- Private and non-profit community organizations (NGO's)
- Graduates may also work with people who are at risk of being in conflict with the law and in community-based justice services and/or victim-oriented programs.
- Police Forces including Military Police

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.

Within Cambrian College there are unique pathways between our justice programs where graduates of one program can achieve a second diploma in just one more year. If you are considering this option be sure to consult your Program Coordinator to be able to waive application fees.

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