

COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE SERVICES (CJSP)

Are you passionate about a career in community and justice services?

This immersive program starts with an off-campus two-night, three-day field experience into Indigenous ways of knowing. In a remote location with rustic accommodations, your faculty introduces critical vocational skills and education founded on Indigenous land-based teachings from Cambrian's Wabnode Centre, while focusing on building community and perspective-taking on promoting rehabilitation for persons in conflict with the law.

Go beyond the textbook in our scenario room, complete with cell blocks. Explore correctional theory and practices taught by specialists. You'll examine issues related to addiction and mental health, group dynamics, behaviour management, and inclusive practices. #You'll enter the field with confidence in your analytical reasoning, tactical communication, and motivational interviewing skills honed through scenario-based applications preparing you for the realities of the field.

Program highlights

- 14-week placement (350 hours)
- 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
- Tours of a youth centre, a federal minimum and medium-security penitentiary, and a provincial jail (vulnerable sectors police clearance required)
- Guest experts from federal, provincial, and community justice services; victim services; and advocacy agencies
- 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
- Option to earn a second diploma in another public safety program in just one year when you graduate

Program of study for 2025-26 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
CWP 1210	Penology	3
CWP 2310	Community Corrections	3
LAW 1010	Canadian Criminal Justice	3
SOC 1153	Social Consciousness	3
PSY 1010	Principles of Psychology	3
ENG 1002	College Communications	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
PSY 1004	Trauma and Mental Health	3
SOC 1210	Introduction To Criminology	3
PSY 1013	Crisis Communication	3
ENG 1008	Communication for Public Safe	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 2346	Addictions	3
CWP 2350	Safety & Security	3
CWP 2450	Observation and Report Writing	3
FIT 1020	Justice Fitness Fundamentals	3

Credits **23**

Semester 4

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

Credits **17**

Total Credits **85**

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

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)

Additional admission requirements

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.

Recommendations

- Any law class
- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2025-2026

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2025
 SEMESTER 2: Winter 2026
 SEMESTER 3: Fall 2026
 SEMESTER 4: Winter 2027

Specific program pathway

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.

College or university degree opportunities

If you are a graduate of this program, you may continue your studies at a college or university and you may receive credit(s) for your prior college education. Refer to Cambrian's college and university agreement (<https://cambriancollege.ca/supports-services/articulation-agreements/universities-in-canada/>) details for further information.

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

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