

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE (CYCP)

Guide at-risk youth and their families with real-world training

Through this nationally accredited program, you will gain the knowledge and placement experiences you need to launch a career working with at-risk youth and their families experiencing complex emotional, behavioural, and mental health issues.

You will learn to navigate correctional facilities, mental health, educational, and child welfare agencies and services. Through theory, lab courses, and hands-on fieldwork, you will develop the skills to facilitate positive change for children, adolescents, and their families. Please note: You must follow the shift work schedules and routines of your fieldwork placements, which could include nights and weekends.

Program highlights

- Accelerated program so you can earn a three-year advanced diploma in two years (study 10 months per year)
- First Canadian program to receive national accreditation from the Child and Youth Care Educational Accreditation Board (CYCEAB)
- Two placements give you real-world experience
- Option to earn a second diploma in another community services program in just one year when you graduate

Program of study for 2025-26 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
CCW 1110	Fundamentals of Child & Youth Care	3
CCW 1040	Group Process & Pers. Devel.	3
CCW 1250	Behaviour Management Skills	3
CCW 1121	Child and Adolescent Development	4
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
PSY 1010	Principles of Psychology	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3
Credits		22
Semester 2		
CCW 1013	Field Placement Seminar I	1
CCW 2431	Neglect & Abuse	3
CCW 1221	Mental Health & Diversity	3
PSY 1003	Concurrent Disorders, Mental Health & Addictions	3
CCW 1000	Therapeutic Play	4
CCW 1240	Counselling and Interviewing I	3
Credits		17
Semester 3		
CCW 1011	Field Placement I	15
Credits		15
Semester 4		
CCW 1006	Behaviour Programming	3
CCW 1225	Child Law and Legislation	3
CCW 3520	Family Intervention	3
CCW 1009	Field Placement Seminar II	1
ENG 1242	Speaking/Writing Comm. Services I	3

Two General Education courses. ¹		6
Credits		19
Semester 5		
CCW 1012	Field Placement II	15
Credits		15
Semester 6		
CCW 1007	CYC In The Education Sector	3
CCW 1010	Rights and Advocacy	3
CCW 3040	Counselling and Interviewing II	3
CCW 3500	Trauma and Trends in CYC	4
CCW 1191	Supporting Special Populations in CYC	4
Credits		17
Total Credits		105

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

Before commencing placement (Semesters 3 and 6 only), all students must have current:

- First Aid Certificate
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check

Recommendations

- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2025-2026

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2025
 SEMESTER 2: Winter 2026
 SEMESTER 3: Spring 2026
 SEMESTER 4: Fall 2026
 SEMESTER 5: Winter 2027
 SEMESTER 6: Spring 2027

Accreditation

Cambrian's Child and Youth Care program is nationally accredited by the Child and Youth Care Educational Accreditation Board (<http://www.cycaccreditation.ca/>)(CYCEAB).

Specific program pathways

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:

- Community agencies
- Schools
- Youth detention facilities
- Children's Aid Societies
- Mental health services (community and hospital)
- Out of home placement organizations and treatment settings

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