

# PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER (PSPG)

## Ontario College Certificate | 2 semesters | Barrydowne Campus

An aging population, shorter hospital stays, and a shortage of trained PSWs makes this an in-demand healthcare job. Cambrian's tailored personal support worker courses will prepare you to work as a PSW in just 24 weeks (in just two semesters). In the first semester you will learn the skills that PSWs use to care for others, in our labs and in the classroom. The second semester is a preceptorship. You will work in a healthcare setting with an experienced PSW and a faculty member, who will help you to become a confident, caring, and job ready PSW.

Upon completion of the program, you will be prepared to assist clients with activities of daily living and contribute to the quality of life of individuals who live in a facility or community setting by promoting their independence, dignity, social, emotional and physical well-being.

### Program Highlights

- 24 weeks – 2 semesters taken consecutively (back-to-back with no break). International students should apply to the PSWP (<https://catalog.cambriancollege.ca/pswp/>) program to meet visa requirements.
- Clinical Placement
- Hands-on training in the 1,200-square-foot PSW simulation lab, as well as the nursing lab

### Fieldwork/Placement

You will complete 270 hours in a clinical setting

### Capped Enrolment Quick Links

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

Health Sciences, Nursing, and Emergency Services (<http://cambriancollege.ca/field-of-study/health-sciences-nursing-emergency-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) or (U)
- Any grade 11 (C), (U), or (M) or grade 12 mathematics (C) or (U)

Recommended:

- Any grade 12 Biology (U)

### Additional Information

At registration students must provide the following to PARAMED:

- Proof of current immunization
- Proof (original certificate) of CPR HCP and Standard First Aid
- Original copy of an Adult Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sectors Check

- Complete Cambrian College WHMIS, AODA, General Safety Awareness course (online approximately \$10)

### Location

This program may also be offered through the Espanola or Little Current campus locations in the future. For further information, please contact Kerridwen Harvey at (705) 368-3194 or (705) 869-4113.

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### Program Delivery

#### 2022-2023

This program consists of two 12-week consecutive semesters. This program will be delivered in the following terms:

##### Winter Term Start

1. SEMESTER 1 Winter 2023
2. SEMESTER 2 Spring 2023

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##### Spring Term Start

1. SEMESTER 1 Spring 2023
2. SEMESTER 2 Fall 2023

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#### 2023-2024

This program consists of two 12-week consecutive semesters. This program will be delivered in the following terms:

##### Fall Term Start

1. SEMESTER 1 Fall 2023
2. SEMESTER 2 Winter 2024

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##### Winter Term Start

1. SEMESTER 1 Winter 2024
2. SEMESTER 2 Spring 2024

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##### Spring Term Start

1. SEMESTER 1 Spring 2024
2. SEMESTER 2 Fall 2024

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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

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Credits</b>
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
PSW 1160	Human Body and Disease Process	6
PSW 1165	Relational Communications	3
PSW 1168	Health Promotion Practice	6
PSW 1164	Foundations of PSW	3
PSW 1167	Lifespan Health and Wellness	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
PSW 1166	Introduction to Community	4
PSW 1263	Clinical Consolidation	6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>34</b>

## 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 \$1,000. 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:

- Community settings
- Long-term care facilities
- Hospital settings

### 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.

## Contacts

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### INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

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