

SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER (SSPG)

Ontario College Diploma | 4 semesters | Barrydowne

In this program, you will learn to work with individuals, families, and groups who are experiencing barriers to stable housing, education, employment, health care, and social services. Through intensive coursework, skills practice, and field experiences, you will be provided with opportunities to learn effective communication skills, to develop supportive helping skills, to better understand the context of social services work, and to situate yourself within this context. This program is well suited for individuals who are committed to promoting social justice, who have good interpersonal skills, and who are team-oriented.

Cambrian's program is recognized by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Graduation from our program qualifies you to register as a Social Service Worker in Ontario.

The program is two years in length, taken full-time. For part-time options, please connect with the program coordinator. You may also be eligible to fast-track if you have a degree or diploma in a related field.

Program Highlights

- 2 years – 4 semesters (with part-time and fast-tracking options)
- 2 field placements
- Dynamic course delivery that includes experiential learning, case studies, theoretical concepts, and real-world experience
- Hands-on learning with many opportunities to observe and practice skills

Fieldwork/Placement

Students who meet the requirements will have the opportunity to complete two community placements. Students may have the option of completing their placements in their home towns (if they are not from Sudbury). Agencies will require students to have medical and non-medical documents prior to beginning their placement. Students will be responsible for any expenses incurred related to placement.

Required prerequisites for placement will include:

- Criminal Record Check (CPIC) - Vulnerable Sector Screening (obtained at least two months before placement)
- Health documentation (e.g. up-to-date immunization records, Two-step TB test, Free of Communicable Disease Form/verification)
- Standard First Aid & CPR (Level HCP)
- WSIB certification

Registration to Practice

Individuals 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

To qualify for admission to the SSPG program, students must have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or they must qualify for mature student status, including:

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

Recommended:

- Computer competency in relevant software

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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

Winter Term Start

1. **SEMESTER 1** Winter 2024
2. **SEMESTER 2** Spring 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
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
WES 1001	Prof SSW Communication I	3
PSY 1003	Concurrent Disorders, Mental Health & Addictions	3
WES 1110	Social Work Practice I	4
WES 1115	Social Services I	3
IND 1003	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3
		Credits 22
Semester 2		
ENG 1242	Speaking/Writing Comm. Services I	3
WES 1210	Social Work Practice II	4
WES 2330	Family Dynamics	3
WES 1240	Prof SSW Communication II	3
WES 1295	Field Work I	2

One General Education courses: ¹		3
	Credits	18
Semester 3		
WES 1251	Ethics	3
WES 1215	Social Services II	3
WES 2320	Group Dynamics	3
WES 2053	Community Development	3
WES 2310	Social Work Practice III	4
One General Education course: ¹		3
	Credits	19
Semester 4		
WES 2491	Field Work II	20
	Credits	20
	Total Credits	79

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 is under review for Year 1. The information will be updated on the website upon further review of the program.

Graduate Options

Employment Opportunities

Graduates may seek employment in various positions within the following sectors:

- Social service agencies of the municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- Childcare agencies
- Charitable organizations
- Group homes
- Residential homes
- Long-term care and retirement homes
- Employment services
- Homelessness/Poverty/Housing Services
- Addiction and mental health agencies
- Child welfare agencies
- Children, youth and family services
- Health care

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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