Faculty of Applied Health & Community Studies

Child and Youth Care

Sheridan’s Child and Youth Care program prepares you to work with young people who are experiencing significant life challenges.

Help young people overcome life’s toughest challenges.

Exceptional educators, innovative learning

All of our professors have been active in the field within the past five years. Their curriculum is cutting edge and provides a strong theoretical and practical foundation for your future career. You’ll learn to develop and implement a range of prevention, intervention and treatment strategies based on a foundational understanding of human development, family systems and cultural diversity.

Things you’ll learn to do

• Develop and implement prevention, intervention and treatment strategies based on an understanding of human development, family systems and cultural diversity.
• Guide at-risk youth through their daily challenges.
• Teach social and life skills and support efforts to manage behaviour.
• Facilitate personal growth and positive change in young people.

Hands-on experience

You’ll complete four semesters of field practicum in two locations that may include youth justice, foster homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities and community outreach programs. Three days each week will be spent in the field, and the other two days will include a unique lab class and complementary course work, lending support to your field experience.

94%

Employer Satisfaction* with the knowledge and skills that our graduates possess.

Ontario College Advanced Diploma

Program Code: PCYCD

Full-time | Trafalgar Campus, Davis Campus | 3 yrs (6 semesters)

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* 2017 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) survey results produced by the Ontario Government, Colleges Ontario and student associations. Percentage shown reflects the average employer satisfaction across all Sheridan programs over the last five years.
**Admission Requirements**

**Program Eligibility**

Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, including these required courses:
- One English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or ENG4U) or
- Mature student status.

**Applicant Selection**

Eligible applicants will be selected on the basis of their previous academic achievement (the average of their six highest senior-level credits, including required courses).

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements for this program will be assessed and advised individually and may be considered for other, related programs.

**Preparation for Application**

Prospective students are advised to speak to employers in group homes, mental health settings, and the education system. Volunteer and/or part-time employment with children and youth is highly encouraged.

**Criminal Record Check and Immunization Requirements**

Sheridan field practicum agencies may require a police record check for criminal offences, a vulnerable sector check and/or a current acceptable record of immunization. Students will be required to provide this documentation directly to their field practicum prior to the start of the practicum and at their own expense. Students who cannot meet these requirements may have limited field practicum opportunities. Please refer to the immunization information on our website, or come in to one of the campus health centres.

**English Language Proficiency**

All applicants whose first language is not English must meet Sheridan’s English proficiency requirements.

Refer to the website for full admission requirements.

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**Career Opportunities**

When you graduate from Sheridan's Child and Youth Care program, you'll be ready to begin a rewarding career in this field.

**HERE ARE SOME PLACES YOU MIGHT WORK:**

- Community agencies
- Facilities for young offenders
- Group homes and foster homes
- Homeless shelters
- Schools
- Social services

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**Courses**

SOME OF THE COURSES YOU CAN EXPECT TO TAKE IN YOUR PROGRAM

- Child and Youth Development
- Child and Youth Mental Health Issues
- Child and Youth Worker Interventions
- Creative Therapeutic Programming
- Crisis Intervention and Conflict Resolution
- Psychology Core Concepts

Note: See website for specific terms and course listings.

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**More information**

- **Website:** sheridancollege.ca
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/sheridaninstitute
- **Twitter:** @sheridancollege

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- **tours.sheridancollege.ca**

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