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FACULTY OF APPLIED HEALTH & COMMUNITY STUDIES

# Educational Support – Fast Track Intensive

Sheridan's Educational Support Fast Track Intensive program prepares you to work in a school setting supporting students with special needs.

**Ontario College Diploma**

**Program Code:** PEDSI

Full-time | Trafalgar Campus | 1 yr (2 semesters)

**Ontario College Diploma**

**Program Code:** PEDSP



Help students with special needs achieve academic and social success.

## Fast-track your career

This program was designed specifically for those who have completed university or college programs. It is also open to those already working in the school system as Educational Assistants who wish to further their understanding of exceptionalities in Ontario classrooms and obtain an Ontario College Diploma.

## Things you'll do and learn

- Support students with special needs using modified curricula and materials created to accommodate their diverse strengths and developmental needs.
- Respond to and assist with personal care needs of students in educational settings from kindergarten through high school.
- Work as part of the educational team with specialists and family members.

## Field placements

In Semesters 1 and 2, you'll be placed in a school where you'll support students with special needs in the classroom. Sheridan arranges the field placement experience for you. During your placement experience, you'll encounter students with a range of exceptionalities including physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities, behavioural disorders, visual or hearing impairments and autism.

## Admission Requirements

### Program Eligibility

- Postsecondary diploma or degree.

and/or

- Demonstrated competence through related work and/or educational experience.

Note: The Educational Support student must have the energy and stamina to respond to the physical demands associated with the role of the assistant.

### Applicant Selection

Eligible applicants will be selected on the basis of previous academic achievement and related courses, and/or demonstrated experience.

Postsecondary transcripts, indicating courses completed to date, must be submitted to [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) at the time of application. 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.

### Criminal Record Check and Immunization Requirements

Sheridan field placement 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 placement prior to the start of the placement and at their own expense. Students who cannot meet these requirements may have limited field placement opportunities. Please refer to the immunization information on Sheridan's 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.

## Career Opportunities

When you complete your Educational Support diploma program, you'll be ready to seek employment in a public or private school supporting learners with special needs, or in a social- or health-based program with a special education component.

## Courses

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

Assessment in Education

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Challenging Behaviours and Discipline

Educational and Assistive Technology

Intellectual, Sensory and Learning Disabilities

Physical Exceptionalities and Personal Care

Note: See website for specific terms and course listings.

## More information



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