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**Ontario College Diploma**

**Program Code: PSSWG**

Full-Time | Trafalgar Road Campus, Davis Campus | 2 yrs (4 semesters)

FACULTY OF APPLIED HEALTH & COMMUNITY STUDIES

# Social Service Worker – Gerontology

Sheridan's Social Service Worker – Gerontology program will prepare you to become a leader in the care of older adults.



Prepare for a career helping older Canadians enjoy a better life.

## Outstanding career preparation

Train to help meet the needs of the rapidly growing population of older adults in Ontario, across Canada and around the world.

## Things you'll learn to do

- How to advocate for older adults.
- How to develop and implement suitable recreation programs for seniors.
- How to work with persons living with cognitive impairments and their families.
- How to support older adults living with mental health challenges.
- How to deliver a holistic service plan to improve the lives of older adults.

## Hands-on experience

You'll have the opportunity to work with older adults two days a week in a field practicum setting in Terms 2, 3 and 4. Your practicum gives you valuable on-the-job experience and the opportunity to put theories learned in class to practical use. You'll have the choice of working in a wide variety of settings which support older adults in our communities.

## 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 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

Speaking to employers in adult day programs, long-term care facilities and supportive housing will help to establish an understanding of the various roles and employment opportunities available to social service workers in gerontology. Related volunteer and/or part-time employment in a social service setting or with older adults is highly encouraged.

### 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 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 Sheridan's health services' immunization information, or come in to one of the campus health centres.

\*Course duration for September starts is two academic years.

Refer to the website for full admission requirements.

## Career Opportunities

Sheridan provides training in fields with a bright future. When you graduate from the Social Service Worker – Gerontology program, you'll be ready to enter a field that continues to grow with new and emerging job opportunities.

### HERE ARE SOME JOBS YOU MIGHT FIND:

Adult program/recreation assistant	Family resource worker
Case worker	Hospice worker
Community outreach worker	Social service worker

## Courses

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

Recreation, Activation and Motivation with Older Adults	Death, Dying and Bereavement
Diversity and Older Adults: Differences and Marginalization	Aging, Mental Health and Substance Use
	Aging, Wellness and Health Promotion
	Cognitive Impairment

Note: See website for specific terms and course listings.

## More information



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