

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.

94%

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

Ontario College Diploma

Program Code: PSSWG

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



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

Learn social service work focused on a growing population

Social service workers who focus on gerontology are sought out by many organizations because of the growing senior population in Canada. This in-depth diploma answers society's needs by teaching the foundations of social service work, while training you to specialize in work with the elderly.

Work with our faculty of community service professionals

Our faculty come from a wide range of community service roles, and includes social workers, community developers and gerontology specialists. Each professor brings their unique and valuable experience to every course, providing you with one-of-a-kind knowledge that only years in the field provides.

Get hands-on social service work experience in field placements

In Terms 2, 3 and 4 you'll work with seniors in a field placement two days a week. This means valuable on-the-job experience and the chance to practically apply your class lessons. You'll support older adults in different settings, and also establish valuable career connections in the community.

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.

*Course duration for September starts is two academic years.

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

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.

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