

FACULTY OF APPLIED HEALTH & COMMUNITY STUDIES

# Educational Support

Sheridan's two-year Educational Support diploma program prepares you to work in a school setting supporting students with special needs.

93%

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

## Ontario College Diploma

Program Code: PCESD

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

## Ontario College Diploma

Program Code: PCESP



Help students with special needs achieve academic and social success.

## Outstanding career preparation

This program will equip you with the skills you need to support students with a range of special needs. You'll use modified curricula and materials, including assistive technology, to accommodate their diverse strengths and developmental needs, and you'll learn to maintain a safe and professional environment that promotes students' well being.

## Things you'll do and learn

- 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.
- Report information related to the learning environment.
- Support inclusion of the student to aid his or her social development and sense of belonging.

## Field placements

In Terms 2, 3 and 4, 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, you'll encounter students with a range of exceptionalities including physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities, behaviour disorders, visual and hearing impairments, autism and learning disabilities.

## 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.

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

### Applicant Selection

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of previous academic achievement (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.

### 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.

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

Assistive Technology

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Intellectual, Sensory and Learning Disabilities

Physical Exceptionalities and Personal Care

Positive Behaviour Strategies

Note: See website for specific terms and course listings.

## More information



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