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Autism and Behavioural Sciences

Ontario College Graduate Certificate | 1 year | Field Placement
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Graduate-level training for Ontario autism and behavioural support practice.

Build skills to support autistic individuals

This graduate certificate provides specialized training for professionals supporting autistic individuals across educational, clinical and community settings. Grounded in evidence-based practice and applied behaviour analysis principles, the program emphasizes ethical decision-making, data-informed intervention and person-centred supports aligned with Ontario service systems.

Gain insight into Ontario systems and policy knowledge

In this program, you'll develop practical literacy in the Ontario laws, policies and funding structures that shape autism and developmental services. Coursework addresses the Ontario Autism Program (OAP), AODA, Human Rights Code, education and child protection systems, and service navigation to support effective collaboration with families and agencies.

Develop applied skills for professional practice

Learning moves from core concepts to hands-on skill building, with an emphasis on clear documentation, teamwork, ethical practice and thoughtful decision-making. By graduation, you'll be prepared for entry-level roles supporting assessment, intervention delivery and service coordination under professional supervision.

Career opportunities

Upon graduation you'll be prepared for entry-level roles supporting autistic individuals within Ontario's education, health and community service sectors, working as part of interdisciplinary teams and under the supervision of regulated professionals.

You might find roles such as:

- Autism Support Worker
- Behaviour Interventionist
- Educational Assistant (Autism Support)
- Behaviour Technician
- Community Support Worker
- Developmental Services Worker
- Inclusion Support Facilitator
- Program Support Coordinator

Courses

Some of the courses you can expect to take in your program

- Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Applied Behaviour Analysis in Practice
- Ethical and Professional Practice
- Ontario Autism Policy and Legislation
- Behavioural Assessment and Intervention
- Capstone Seminar and Applied Learning

How to apply:

5 easy steps

1. Find your program
2. Check the admission requirements
3. Apply online
4. Submit your documentation
5. Accept your offer

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Find out more about...

- Post-graduation work permit (PGWP) eligibility
- Admission requirements
- English language proficiency requirements
- Fees and financial aid
- Provincial Attestation Letters (PALs)

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Admission requirements

Program eligibility

Postsecondary diploma, advanced diploma or degree in social services, child studies, health sciences, psychology or equivalent fields.

OR

Postsecondary degree or diploma in a field not listed above and/or demonstrated competence through related work and/or educational experience.*

Applicant selection

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

*Applicants may be asked to submit documentation confirming demonstrated competence through related work and/or educational experience such as:

- Résumé outlining your relevant professional/volunteer work, and/or life experience:
  - A minimum of 3–5 years of related work and/or unpaid/volunteer work experience.
  - Work experience as an Educational Assistant or Educational Resource Worker for an Ontario public school board.
  - 3–5 years of relevant life experience in supporting autistic individuals across educational, clinical and/or community settings.

Résumé and cover letter formats vary by country. Applicants must ensure their documents follow Canadian format and standards. For more information, see: "How do I create a Canadian-style resume?"

The Office of the Registrar will update your application in the Sheridan Application Portal to notify you if demonstrated competence documentation is required.

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.

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.