

Educational Support – Intensive

Ontario College Diploma | 1 year | Field Placement
Virtual (Online)



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Help students with diverse learning 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.

Outstanding career preparation

This program will equip you with competencies to support students with disabilities and/or Individual Education Plans while maintaining a safe and professional environment that promotes students' well-being.

Things you'll do and learn

- Support students with academic, behavioural, and personal care needs in educational settings from kindergarten through high school
- Use Universal Design for Learning principles
- Foster social inclusion
- Work as part of the special education team
- Accurately report information related to student learning

Career opportunities

When you complete your Educational Support diploma program, you'll be ready to seek employment in a public or private school as an Educational Assistant* supporting students with diverse learning needs, or in a social-or health-based program with a special education component. *Please note some school boards use the term Teaching Assistant or Educational Resource Worker.

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

Fees

Fees displayed are for the first 2 academic semesters and include tuition, health insurance and ancillary charges. These are estimates only; subject to change. See website for details.

For Canadian students

- \$4,942.60 CAD

For international students

- \$19,900.40 CAD

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

Ready to get started?

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International students

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 degree or 2- or 3-year diploma.
- OR
- Demonstrated competence through related work and/or educational experience (for example, working as an Educational Assistant or Educational Resource Worker for an Ontario public school board), and/or life experience (for example, currently raising or recently raised a school-aged child with a disability who attends/attended an Ontario public elementary school).

Applicant selection

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

Applicants without a diploma or degree will be asked to submit additional information to determine eligibility:

- Applicants with work/volunteer experience in an Ontario public school board (for example, working as an Educational Assistant or Educational Resource Worker) will be asked to submit supervisor-validated forms (provided by Sheridan) confirming they have completed at least 140 hours of volunteer and/or paid work including direct involvement with the IPRC, IEP and Special Education teams and processes.
- Applicants who are a parent or guardian of a student with a disability attending an Ontario public school must prove experience with the Ontario special education system, including IPRC, IEPs and student support strategies. These applicants will be asked to submit school-validated forms (provided by Sheridan) confirming their understanding of the Educational Assistant role and the school's Special Education team.

The Office of the Registrar will update your application in the Sheridan Application Portal to notify you if this documentation is required. Specific forms, requirements and details on how to submit your documentation will be provided.

Note: Applicants admitted based on demonstrated experience will need to complete three General Education Elective courses to graduate. This may require an extra semester and additional tuition costs. Most applicants complete these courses in the Spring/Summer term.

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements for this program may be advised individually regarding 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.