

Educational Support – Intensive



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Ontario College Diploma | 1 year
Virtual (Online) / Trafalgar Campus (Oakville)



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

- \$4,826.50 CAD

For international students

- \$19,387.50 CAD

Admission requirements

Program eligibility

- Postsecondary diploma or degree and/or
- Demonstrated competence through related work and/or educational experience.

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

Applicant selection

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

Postsecondary transcripts, indicating courses completed to date, must be submitted to ontariocolleges.ca at the time of application.

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

Criminal record check and immunization requirements

Field placement agencies will ask students to submit a police record check. This includes a vulnerable sector screen. Field placement agencies may also request a current record of immunization. This may include COVID-19 vaccines.

Students will submit these records directly to their field placement agencies before they begin placement, and at their own expense.

Students who cannot meet these requirements may have limited field placement opportunities. This may impact their progression in or completion of the program.

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.

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?

sheridancollege.ca/apply



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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