

Sheridan

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Social Service Worker – Gerontology



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Ontario College Diploma | 2 years
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Prepare for a career helping older Canadians enjoy a better life.

Learn social service work focused on an aging 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 older adults.

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 practicums

In Semesters 2, 3 and 4 you'll work with seniors in a field practicum 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.

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
- Case worker
- Community outreach worker
- Family resource worker
- Hospice worker
- Social service worker

Courses

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

- Activation Techniques with Older Adults
- Death, Dying and Bereavement
- Aging, Mental Health and Substance Use
- Aging, Wellness and Health Promotion
- Interventions for Older Adults and Care Partners
- Case Management

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

• \$4,476.50 CAD

For international students

• \$19,037.50 CAD

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 may be advised individually regarding other related programs.

Preparation for application

Speaking to employers in adult day programs, long-term care homes 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.

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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