

Honours Bachelor of Social and Community Development

Bachelor’s Degree Program

Program Code: **PBSCD**

Davis Campus

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Selection Process for Applicants

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of their previous academic achievement, demonstrated experience and language skills. Applicants with a diploma conferred prior to 2009 or with a GPA below 3.0 (B grade) are required to submit the [Letter of Intent](#) described below to determine program eligibility.

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

Applicants selected for the program will be notified through their Sheridan email account. Decisions will not be released over the phone. Fee, registration and timetable information will follow. Classes for the fall term begin Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Academic Integrity

By submitting your Admission Requirements, you are agreeing to comply with Sheridan's Academic Integrity Policy. The Academic Integrity Policy states:

Sheridan College is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity. The International Centre for Academic Integrity (ICAI) defines academic integrity as “a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to six fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals into action”.

Applicants who are found to have falsified transcripts, cheated on admission tests, or submitted fraudulent documents or in any other way attempted to circumvent the admissions process in a manner inconsistent with the principles of academic integrity, will not be granted admission to the College. Those applicants will be ineligible for admission to any Sheridan program or course for a period of not less than 5 years, after which admission to the College will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

For programs where a portfolio submission is required as part of the admission process, portfolio work should represent an applicant's own ideas, writing, projects and creations. Where others have contributed, or non-original ideas have been included, applicants will give proper recognition and reference.

Additional Admission Requirements

LETTER OF INTENT

The Letter of Intent should be a well-written, persuasive, and grammatically correct pdf document (maximum 500 words). It must argue why you believe you are a good candidate for the Bachelor of Social and Community Development degree and how the degree will serve your future goals. It should include:

- The Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector areas that you are most interested in
- How you expect this degree will help you in achieving your career goals
- Specific skills or knowledge you hope to gain from this program
- Real life examples of your strengths and skills that will advance your educational excellence and professional equity upon your graduation from the program
- Your employment/educational/extra-curricular/volunteer experiences in social service, community development and research settings. Include your role in these different areas and the timeline you were involved (bullet point format)
- If you are **an applicant who is applying with a GPA below 3.0 (B)**, please give an explanation of the circumstances that contributed to this GPA and describe which supports and resources you will connect with in order to ensure that you are able to meet the academic rigour of this program *

**this bullet point should only be answered if you are an applicant who is applying with a GPA below 3.0 (B)*

The total length for the entire submission should NOT exceed 500 words. Please do not attach explanatory notes to your work, as these notes will be included in your total page count. Font and formatting can deviate from the standard 12pt/double-spaced if it is required for presentation reasons. **This should be submitted as a single PDF. A cover page is not necessary.**

Instructions for Online Submission of Additional Admission Requirements

It's in your best interest to submit your documentation as soon as possible.

Follow these instructions to submit your document:

1. Save your document (whether scanned or electronic) as a single PDF file. Please use the following format for the file name: your student number_first name_last name. For example: 991000000_John_Smith.
2. Log in to your [Sheridan Application Portal](#) using your Sheridan username and password.
3. On the Home Page of your portal you will see all of the Sheridan programs you have applied to, and the status of your admission requirements (checklist items).
4. Under the "Incomplete items" list for this program, select "Supplemental Requirement". Upon selecting the checklist item, you will be brought to a document submission screen.
5. In the document submission screen, select and upload your saved single PDF file for your [Letter of Intent](#).
6. Once successfully uploaded and submitted, you will see a message confirming receipt of the item. Be sure to monitor your application portal home page to stay up to date on your applicant and admission requirement statuses.

Additional Information

- **Mobile Computer Technology**
Students are required to have a Sheridan approved laptop to participate in the program. Laptop specifications will be announced in early summer 2026. At that time, please check the [Computing Requirements for Laptop Learning Programs](#) article.
- **Language Skills**
Strong written and oral skills are required for success in this program.
- **Check your Sheridan email account frequently**
Many of the communications you receive from Sheridan come to you exclusively via your Sheridan email account.
- If you require assistance with your submission, please call 905-845-9430 and select Option 4 to speak with an Information Specialist in our Contact Centre.

Honours Bachelor of Social and Community Development Submission Rubric

LETTER OF INTENT				
GPA				
Demonstrates an expressed career interest/goal in the social service, community development sector				
0-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	Rec'd
Career goals are unclear. No direct objective or career path is indicated.	Career goals are somewhat indicated; objectives within the program are unclear.	Career goals are effectively indicated; they reveal objectives within the program.	Career goals are clear and concise; they reveal short and long-term aspirations.	/10
Provides description of how this degree will help you in achieving your career goals				
0-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	Rec'd
No expectation: no connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	Expectation is unclear; a limited connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	Expectation is clear; an effective connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	Expectation is definitive; a strong connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	/10
Demonstrates strengths and skills that you hope to gain in this program				
0-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	Rec'd
No intention: no connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	Intention is unclear; a limited connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	Intention is clear; an effective connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	Intention is definitive; a strong connection is drawn between career goals and the program.	/10
Demonstrates exposure to the social service, community development and research settings industries through extra-curricular/educational/employment/volunteer activities and involvement				
0-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	Rec'd
No extracurricular activities or work experience.	Individual engaged in a minimal amount of activities.	Individual engaged in an appropriate amount of activities.	Individual engaged in a substantial amount of activities/experience.	/10
Demonstrates clarity and persuasiveness of arguments/Exhibits high quality of writing and grammar				
0-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	Rec'd
Structure is unclear; ineffective arguments, many grammatical and/or spelling errors are present.	Structure is somewhat clear; arguments are limited, some grammatical and/or spelling errors are present.	Structure is clear; arguments are reasonably persuasive, few grammatical and/or spelling errors.	Writing is succinct and structurally sound; arguments are strong and persuasive, no grammatical and/or spelling errors are present.	/10
If applicant applies with a GPA below 3.0 (B): Provides an explanation of the circumstances that contributed to this GPA and describes which supports and resources they will connect with in order to ensure that they are able to meet the academic rigour of this program. Require an A or B for admission.				
D	C	B	A	Rec'd
Explanation is unclear, or missing	Minimal amount of knowledge and supports for future studies	Satisfactory explanation, has supports and resources	Extensive amount of thought and planning has been done to be successful in the program.	

TOTAL /50

Minimum score for admissions consideration is 25/50. Eligible applicants will be selected on the basis of their previous academic achievement and the final score of this assessment. In the event that the number of applicants who meet the standard exceeds the number of positions available, the minimum score for admission will rise.