

SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER (SSPG)

Support individuals in overcoming barriers to social justice.

Are you committed to social justice? Learn to work with vulnerable or at-risk individuals, families, and groups who are experiencing barriers to stable housing, education, employment, health care, and social services.

If you have good interpersonal skills, a desire to promote social justice, and are team-oriented, you may find a rewarding career in social service. You'll be challenged to bring a distinct level of maturity and motivation to your work, along with a fundamental belief in the dignity and potential of people. Through intensive coursework and field experiences, you'll learn effective communication and helping skills. As a graduate, you qualify to register as a Social Service Worker in Ontario.

Program highlights

- Part-time and fast-track options if you have a diploma or degree in a related field
- Hands-on learning and real-world experience
- 2 placements with community-based organization
- Recognized by Ontario College of Social Workers & Social Service Workers
- Option to earn a second diploma in another community services program in just 1 year when you graduate

Program of study for 2024-25 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
WES 1001	Prof SSW Communication I	3
PSY 1003	Concurrent Disorders, Mental Health & Addictions	3
WES 1110	Social Work Practice I	4
WES 1115	Social Services I	3
IND 1003	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3
Credits		22
Semester 2		Credits
ENG 1242	Speaking/Writing Comm. Services I	3
WES 1210	Social Work Practice II	4
WES 2330	Family Dynamics	3
WES 1240	Prof SSW Communication II	3
WES 1295	Field Work I	2
One General Education courses: ¹		3
Credits		18
Semester 3		Credits
WES 1251	Ethics	3
WES 1215	Social Services II	3
WES 2320	Group Dynamics	3
WES 2053	Community Development	3
WES 2310	Social Work Practice III	4

One General Education course. ¹		3
Credits		19
Semester 4		Credits
WES 2491	Field Work II	20
Credits		20
Total Credits		79

¹ For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (<https://cambriancollege.ca/general-education-electives/>).

Admission requirements

To qualify for admission to the SSPG program, students must have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or they must qualify for mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C) or (U)

Additional admission requirements

- To participate in field placements, students will need Synergy Basic clearance including: First Aid, CPR C, CPIC Vulnerable Sector Check, WHIMIS, AODA, Workplace Health & Safety, Workplace Violence & Prevention, and a WSIB Student Agreement
- Additional medical clearance may be required for some placement sites which support vulnerable populations, including: MMR, TB Step 1 and 2, Varicella, Tetanus/ Diphtheria (Td), Pertussis, Polio, and Hepatitis B.
- See the Field Placement manual for more information.

Program delivery

2024-25 Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2024
SEMESTER 2: Winter 2025
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2025
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2026

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2025
SEMESTER 2: Spring 2025
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2025
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2026

Registration to practice / additional testing

Individuals who wish to use the title Social Service Worker or Registered Social Service Worker must be registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Cambrian's program is recognized by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) (<https://www.ocswssw.org/applicants/>). Graduation from our program qualifies you to register as a Social Service Worker in Ontario. Students and graduates are also eligible to become members of the Ontario Social Service Worker Association. (<https://www.osswa.ca/>)

Specific program pathways

College or university degree opportunities

If you are a graduate of this program, you may continue your studies at a college or university and you may receive credit(s) for your prior college

education. Refer to Cambrian's college and university agreement (<https://cambriancollege.ca/supports-services/articulation-agreements/>) details for further information.

Employment Options

Graduates may seek employment in various positions within the following sectors:

- Social service agencies of the municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- Childcare agencies
- Charitable organizations
- Immigration and refugee services
- Residential and group homes
- Long-term care and retirement homes
- Employment services
- Disability services
- Education
- Indigenous communities and services
- Homelessness/Poverty/Housing Services
- Addiction and mental health agencies
- Child welfare agencies
- Children, youth, and family services
- Health care
- Policy and program development
- Research

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