

# SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM (FAST-TRACK) (C135)

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| <b>PROGRAM NAME</b>    | Social Service Worker                   | <b>TUITION</b>         | \$3,778.00* ‡ |
| <b>COURSE CODE</b>     | C135                                    | <b>ADDITIONAL COST</b> |               |
| <b>SCHOOL</b>          | School of Social and Community Services |                        |               |
| <b>CENTRE</b>          | Community Services and Early Childhood  |                        |               |
| <b>LOCATION</b>        | St. James Campus                        |                        |               |
| <b>DURATION</b>        | 5 weeks, 8 months (3 semesters)         |                        |               |
| <b>FIELD EDUCATION</b> | Field Education                         |                        |               |
| <b>STARTING MONTH</b>  | May                                     |                        |               |
| <b>CREDENTIAL</b>      | Ontario College Diploma                 |                        |               |
| <b>YEAR OF STUDY</b>   | 2018-2019                               |                        |               |
| <b>METHOD OF STUDY</b> | FT                                      |                        |               |
| <b>APPLY TO</b>        | Ontario Colleges <sup>1</sup>           |                        |               |

**Social Service Worker (Fast-Track)** is an innovative one-year program (three semesters) designed to guide you in developing the knowledge, values and skills to work directly with a wide range of people in need. You will have the opportunity to learn to identify and act upon many of the systemic barriers that can impede access to social and economic justice in today's society.

Students will examine the expanding professional roles and responsibilities of social service workers in large urban centres and within a rapidly changing society.

**Apply to this program if you are a university graduate with a degree in a related discipline such as:**

- psychology
- sociology
- women's studies
- environmental studies
- education and cultural anthropology

**OR**

**A college graduate\* with a diploma in:**

- Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate
- Child and Youth Care (formerly Child and Youth Worker)
- Community Worker
- Behavioural Science Technology
- Career and Work Counsellor
- Activation Co-ordinator/Gerontology
- Early Childhood Education

**\*George Brown College graduates can apply directly to the SSW fast-track program (C135) Semester 2.**

Find a complete list of degrees and diplomas considered for admission to the SSW C135 fast-track program<sup>2</sup>.

**Students must successfully complete a 5-week bridging program that begins in May 2019 prior to entering into the Fall semester.**

Additional fees will apply for the Spring/Summer semester. **Note: Students are not eligible for OSAP for the Spring/Summer semester.**

In preparation for field placement, students will be required to work in multiple small and large groups within classes and community settings.

## FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

As part of the Social Service Worker (Fast-Track) program, you will have the opportunity to participate in approximately **550 hours of supervised field experience.**

With a network of over 350 social services agencies that provide specialized community-based services and supports to a wide range of people across the Greater Toronto Area, you'll have the chance to find an experience that matches an area(s) of interest.

**Note:** In compliance with the requirements of our student placement partners, all students in this program must have a police vulnerable sector check completed before their field placement. These reference checks, which can take up to four months, are done to protect the clientele of these agencies, who are considered "vulnerable persons" under the law. The fees for the reference checks vary and must be paid by the student. Students are responsible for ensuring that the check covers appropriateness for "individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s)." Students who are unable to provide a clear police reference check may be unable to complete their field placement and, therefore, be unable to complete the program. Students will be required to provide a clear police reference check prior to placement.

## PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Note: Under review and subject to change effective Fall 2018.*

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Develop and maintain professional relationships which adhere to professional, legal, and ethical standards aligned to social service work.
2. Identify strengths, resources, and challenges of individuals, families, groups, and communities to assist them in achieving their goals.
3. Recognize diverse needs and experiences of individuals, groups, families, and communities to promote accessible and responsive programs and services.
4. Identify current social policy, relevant legislation, and political, social, and/or economic systems and their impacts on service delivery.
5. Advocate for appropriate access to resources to assist individuals, families, groups, and communities.
6. Develop and maintain positive working relationships with colleagues, supervisors, and community partners.
7. Develop strategies and plans that lead to the promotion of self-care, improved job performance, and enhanced work relationships.
8. Integrate social group work and group facilitation skills across a wide range of environments, supporting growth and development of individuals, families, and communities.
9. Work in communities to advocate for change strategies that promote social and economic justice and challenge patterns of oppression and discrimination.

## REQUIRED COURSES

### SEMESTER 2 (MAY - JUNE)

| Code     | Course Name                           |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| LIFE1010 | Life Skills Methodology & Coaching I  |
| SWRK1052 | Communication and Interviewing Skills |
| SWRK1051 | Fundamentals in Social Work           |
| SWRK1050 | Preparation for the Field             |
| SWRK1049 | Power, Privilege & Identity           |

### SEMESTER 3 (SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER)

| Code                     | Course Name                                  |
|--------------------------|--|
| SWRK 2052                | Group Facilitation                           |
| SWRK2057                 | Substance Abuse                              |
| SWRK2058                 | Mental Health                                |
| SWRK2059                 | Community Development                        |
| SWRK2056                 | Case Management: An Anti-Oppressive Approach |
| Program Related Elective |  |

### SEMESTER 4 (JANUARY - APRIL)

| Code                     | Course Name                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SWRK2053                 | Concurrent Disorders              |
| SWRK2075                 | Fieldwork Placement II            |
| SWRK2076                 | Field Work Seminar II             |
| SWRK2084                 | Social Service Work with Families |
| Program Related Elective |                                   |

### PROGRAM RELATED ELECTIVES

| Code     | Course Name                     |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| SWRK1059 | Advanced Counselling Practice   |
| SWRK1054 | Working with Older Adults       |
| SWRK1055 | Working with Aboriginal Peoples |
| SWRK1056 | Dynamics of Oppression          |
| SWRK1058 | Social Enterprise               |

Note: Curriculum review in progress. Course titles may change without notice. Such changes will appear on [georgebrown.ca](http://georgebrown.ca)

## YOUR CAREER

Graduates will meet the educational requirements for registration as a Social Service Worker in the **Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW)**.<sup>3</sup>

**Our graduates have found employment in a variety of agency settings including:**

- addiction and mental health services
- residential group homes
- day treatment programs
- case management services
- shelters
- drop-in and community centres
- family service organizations
- governmental and non-governmental services

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma or Bachelor's Degree – Applicants must have a diploma or degree related to the field of social or community work<sup>4</sup>.

**\*\* Please note that successful completion of the 5-week preparatory module in May is required prior to entrance to the Fall semester.**

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Domestic applicants with international transcripts who do not provide English proficiency test results must test at the College level in the George Brown College English assessment to be considered for admission.

Please visit [georgebrown.ca/englishproficiency](http://georgebrown.ca/englishproficiency) for more details.

## COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit [georgebrown.ca/transferguide](http://georgebrown.ca/transferguide) for more information.

## HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM

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“My teachers at George Brown gave me confidence and inspired me to think and practice in a way that would continually empower individuals that I will be working with in the social service field. The supportive learning environment allowed me to gain new perspective in how to deal with challenging situations, and taught me advocacy and problem-solving skills to build individual and community competence and capacity. Most importantly, the field placement component of the program gave me the experience to apply what I had learned in the classroom and carry it out in a real-life setting. The post-degree education I received at George Brown College definitely left a lasting impression on me and it equipped me with the fundamental skills that I use in my social work practice.”

**Gail Poskitt** (Graduate 2014, Social Service Worker [Fast-Track])

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## CONTACT US

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For more information about George Brown College, you may also call the Contact Centre at 416-415-2000 (TTY 1-877-515-5559) or long distance 1-800-265-2002.

## LINKS REFERENCE

<sup>1</sup><https://collegeapply.ontariocolleges.ca/?collegeCode=GBTC&programCode=C135&lang=en>

<sup>2</sup>[http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135\\_programs\\_considered\\_for\\_admission.aspx](http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135_programs_considered_for_admission.aspx)

<sup>3</sup><http://www.ocswssw.org/>

<sup>4</sup>[http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135\\_programs\\_considered\\_for\\_admission.aspx](http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135_programs_considered_for_admission.aspx)