The Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate program provides students with a feminist analysis of the political and counselling issues related to gender-based violence experienced primarily by women and children. It trains students to be agents for change in their work of community education, political action and law reform. It prepares students to provide anti-oppressive counselling and advocacy for women, children, trans and non binary survivors who have experienced or are experiencing gender-based violence.

This program is unique in Canada.

Note: Some of our student placement partners require students in this program to have a police reference 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 find that their choice of placements is limited.

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

Field education plays an important role in this program by preparing students to work with those affected by gender-based violence including not only those directly impacted, but the communities within which they live and work. This often includes those who identify as trans and non-binary, and other disenfranchised populations.

In year one, students will spend 250 hours with a non-profit community partner (Mondays and Tuesdays, January – April) and will typically engage in introductory activities, such as shadowing staff, conducting outreach, fundraising and special events, and learning about how programs and services are developed. First year placements vary and can include sites that focus on public education, food banks, drop-ins and political action work, but are generally not frontline positions.

In second year, students will build on that experience by engaging in more direct 1-to-1 survivor counselling, group facilitation, case management, and advocacy. Placements begin in September and continue through to the end of April for a minimum of 500 hours. Students will often do this placement at emergency shelters, rape crisis centres, youth services, health providers and other agencies who provide frontline support.

The agencies used by the program for field placements are very similar to those employing our graduates. In many instances, employers hire graduates because of contact and experience with them through the fieldwork placement. Most agencies are within Toronto, while some agencies, located in other communities such as Brampton, St. Catharines, London, Hamilton, Barrie, Pickering and Oshawa, provide students who live in those communities with placement opportunities.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Apply a feminist analysis in all areas of their work in the field of violence against women and children.
2. Provide ongoing supportive counselling.
3. Provide individual advocacy and political advocacy services
4. Facilitate groups for women and children.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of existing services for women.
6. Cope with high stress work demands and develop strategies for personal survival on the job.
7. Develop and deliver prevention programs.
8. Organize fundraising and write applications and proposals for grants.
9. Utilize the media and organize community response to violence against women and children.
10. Become familiar with pertinent legislation and understand the process of formulating social policy.

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YOUR CAREER

Graduates work in a variety of settings, including women’s transition and interval houses, rape crisis centres, women’s health centres, settlement services, community centres and victim/witness programs.

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates are eligible to apply for advanced standing in degree programs at York University in Toronto; Thompson Rivers University in B.C.; Royal Roads University in Victoria, B.C.; Athabasca University (online); and Hilbert College, a university in Hamburg, New York. Graduates may apply to complete a second diploma in a related George Brown College program in a reduced time frame (e.g. the Social Service Worker or Community Worker programs). See georgebrown.ca/transferguide/.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Questionnaire
- Online, recorded video interview

** MATURE STUDENT STATUS (19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NO OSSD)

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English.

Please note that George Brown is committed to ensuring that applicants will succeed in their program of choice and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Applicants may be required to have grades higher than the minimum requirements stated.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Visit the International Admissions\(^7\) page for more information.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM

R107 Program - Assaulted Women's & Children's Counsellor Advocate Diploma Program Applicant Questionnaire\(^8\)

BRIDGING - ADVANCED STANDING

The AWCCA program has an individualized Direct Entry to Second Year Option for eligible students who have undergraduate degrees or diplomas. Please visit the Assaulted Women’s and Children’s Counsellor Advocate Direct Entry to Second Year Option page at georgebrown.ca/R107/direct-entry-to-second-year/

Stacey Johnson (Graduate 2008, Assaulted Women’s and Children’s Counsellor Advocate)

"Prior to discovering the AWCCA program, I knew that I wanted to gain more hands-on experience working with women and as a counsellor. I was excited to learn it was based in feminist analysis with an Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression lens. I learned so much about myself, my own privilege and oppression as well as how I can be an ally. I am now working the job of my dreams, managing a culturally sensitive women’s shelter for Indigenous and all women in Northern Ontario. From that perspective, I can also say that I look for women who have graduated from this program to work in the field of ending violence against women, over others who graduated from the SSW program. Courses like Survivors of Sexual Violence, Feminist Counselling, Working with Abused Women and Child Witness really set this program apart from others designed to lead to work in this field. The experience I gained via my student placements made me employable straight out of school. This course literally changed my life, personally and professionally; I know it will do the same for future graduates."

Lindsay McAllister, Residential Program Manager, H.E.R. Place - Timmins and Area Women in Crisis

"I entered this program not knowing what to expect, but knowing what I wanted to learn from it and do when I graduated. The incredibly knowledgeable and supportive program faculty prepared me beyond my expectations. I now have the job of my dreams and I am confident in my skills as a Crisis Intervention Counsellor at a shelter for abused women and their children. There is never a day that I don’t look forward to going to work. I have the program and the teachers to thank for this!"

Jennifer Leworthy, B.A., E.C.E. (Graduate, Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate); AWCCA Crisis Intervention Counsellor, Halton Women's Place

CONTACT US

Call the Assaulted Women’s and Childrens Counsellor/Advocate program office at 416-415-5000, ext. 2323 or 6834 or email awcca@georgebrown.ca.

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VISIT OUR CAMPUS

Book a campus tour\(^9\) or explore our virtual tour.\(^10\)
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Career Development Practitioner is a three-semester (one-year) graduate certificate program that prepares graduates to enter the career development sector. The program may also appeal to practitioners working in the field who want to gain additional formal training and job coaching experience. The career development sector includes non-profit/community-based, government, post-secondary and private/corporate organizations.

The key objective of the field is to assist clients to be self-sufficient in career exploration, skill acquisition, job search and maintenance. Career Development Practitioners coach and counsel others on:

- job search
- career planning
- career choice and change
- academic and training advising
- identifying and meeting staffing needs

Practitioners may work with specialized and diverse groups such as:

- youth
- women
- people with disabilities
- immigrants and refugees

This program has been designed to meet the changing needs of the sector and will help meet demand for trained Career Development Practitioners in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

The curriculum is designed to meet the Canadian Standards and Guidelines for Career Development Practitioners.

Graduation from the program provides the full academic component and partial fulfillment of work experience hours for certification by the Career Development Practitioners' Certification Board of Ontario (CDPCBO).

**What can you expect from the program?**

The program will combine in-class experiential training in counselling and coaching, theory, and practice. Courses may also be conducted online or in a blended format.

The use of technology will enable students to participate in exciting ways that will build on previous knowledge and skills.

The final semester is dedicated to a supervised field education experience to ensure graduates leave with practical experience that will be recognized by employers.

To provide students with a rich learning experience, we offer a variety of teaching methods such as:

- seminars
- lectures
- online learning
- small group work
- guest speakers
- field visits

**What key skills and knowledge will you gain?**

-amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the three semesters of programs starting in fall 2017. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in fall 2018 and at later dates.

International students: Visit the International Fees and Related Costs page for more information.
• emerging trends and techniques in job search and career exploration
• individual and group facilitation/counselling
• job development and employer engagement
• ethics and professional practice
• career development theory
• diversity, accessibility, equity and inclusion
• use of technology and social media
• career and employment information resources
• employment legislation and programs

Who are our students?

Our students have completed a college diploma or a university degree.

Due to the varied nature of the work and workplaces of Career Development Practitioners, it is expected that graduates may come from a wide variety of programs of study including:

• psychology
• sociology
• education
• social and community services
• business
• marketing
• human resources

People who are interested in others, are excited about the opportunity to assist others in professional and life decisions and to help them to be self-sufficient in job search and job retention will be attracted to this field of study.

Practitioners contribute to the emotional and financial well-being of their clients and their families, their communities and the economy.

PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

Students wishing to pursue their studies in the Career Development Practitioner program on a part-time basis will be able to register on a course-by-course basis in the program. Courses will be delivered in a number of different ways to accommodate the needs of both full-time and part-time students. For more information on part-time options, please contact the program coordinator to develop an individualized program plan.

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

Students will complete almost 300 hours of field education in the third semester and will be matched with placement opportunities in settings in the GTA and further afield.

Placements will be chosen by students based on their learning goals, environments sought, clientele, location and other factors and will be approved by the program coordinator.

George Brown College has extensive connections with employers in all parts of the sector including community-based organizations, college and university career centres, internal corporate career services and career management firms.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Apply evidence-based career development practices in advising diverse client groups.
2. Utilize self-reflective and critical thinking skills to enhance counselling, teaching and learning strategies with groups and individuals.
3. Develop a commitment to ongoing professional development to actively respond to changing labour market and professional requirements.
4. Integrate appropriate career information resources and tools with career and employment strategies to enable clients to meet their employment goals.
5. Perform needs assessments and develop subsequent interventions using techniques and skills that enable diverse ranges of clients to meet employment goals.
6. Design consulting, advising and teaching strategies that incorporate trends and issues of the changing labour market to assist clients in job search and career transitions.
7. Integrate emergent technologies into the full spectrum of Career Development processes and applications to maximize service delivery to clients navigating changing labour market requirements.
8. Adhere to relevant legislation and social policy to plan programs, interventions and referrals for client groups.
9. Use current work search tools and strategies to facilitate successful client job search.

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CAREER OPTIONS
Graduates may hold a variety of job titles within the field of Career Development including:

- Employment Consultant/Counsellor
- Career Consultant/Counsellor/Coach
- Employment Information Specialist
- Job Developer/Employment Placement Specialist/Employment Marketing Consultant
- Workshop Facilitator
- Academic Advisor
- Career Education Specialist
- Career Coach/Career Management Professional
- Outreach Specialist/Worker
- Recruitment Advisor
- Employee Assistance Counsellor

These positions may be held in the community-based, post-secondary and private sector as well as labour organizations, vocational rehabilitation programs and government departments.

YOUR CAREER
Graduates of the program will have completed the two mandatory courses (Ethics and Career Development Theory) for certification by CDPCBO as a Certified Career Development Practitioner (CCDP). In addition, their field education/practicum hours will be counted towards the work experience requirement. Graduates will need to gain additional work experience before being able to apply for certification.

George Brown College is well-connected to the Career Development sector. Hundreds of practitioners that graduated from the former Career and Work Counsellor (CWC) diploma program are now working in the GTA and beyond in both leadership/managerial and front-line positions, providing opportunities for networking and career development. The alumni committee of the CWC program is actively involved in providing professional development and mentoring opportunities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A two- or three-year diploma or a bachelor's degree from a college or university

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants with international transcripts must provide English language proficiency test results or complete the George Brown College English assessment to provide evidence of their English language proficiency. For more information please visit our English Proficiency Chart.

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Career Development Practitioner Program Coordinator: Gillian Johnston

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LINKS REFERENCE

2http://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/tuitionfees/
3http://career-dev-guidelines.org/career_dev/
4http://www.georgebrown.ca/englishproficiency/

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George Brown College’s Child and Youth Care program (formerly the Child and Youth Worker program) combines best practice principles and a relational approach that is anchored in the values of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Counsellors’ Code of Ethics.

The curriculum is organized into four distinct pillars:

- resiliency
- an ecological perspective
- an anti-oppression human rights framework
- restorative practices

Students learn to engage purposefully and effectively with children, adolescents and families who struggle with emotional, behavioural and developmental challenges that impair their abilities to relate to others.

Specific focus is on recognizing the impact of mental health challenges on children and youth.

Students learn to translate theory into practice to move at-risk youth from risk to resilience.

This Child and Youth Care program has earned national accreditation, becoming the first of its kind in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area and the third in Canada to do so.

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

Field placement plays an important role in this program. Second year students can expect to be in placement two days a week for a total of 448 hours, and third year students can expect to be in placement three days a week over 28 weeks (includes both semesters one and two) for a total of 704 hours.

The first year provides students with an opportunity to develop a solid foundation of skills to build upon. The subsequent academic courses come to life in a wide range of supervised field placements in the second and third years of the program.

These placements may take place in professional settings such as:

- residential care
- hospitals
- shelters
- schools
- community outreach programs
- day treatment

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:
1. Develop and maintain relationships with children, youth and their families applying principles of relational practice and respecting their unique life space, cultural and human diversity.

2. Assess and respond to the strengths and needs of children and youth, including complex responses impacted by developmental, environmental, physical, emotional, social and mental health challenges in order to promote positive change.

3. Analyze and evaluate the impact of the inter-relationship among family, social service, justice and community systems on children, youth and their families and use this information in the planning of holistic care and in the reduction of systemic barriers.

4. Plan, implement and evaluate interventions using evidence-informed practices in the areas of therapeutic milieu and programming, and group work to promote resiliency and to enhance development in children, youth and their families.

5. Advocate for the rights of children, youth and their families and maintain an anti-oppression perspective and cultural competence in diverse cultural contexts.

6. Apply communication, teamwork and organizational skills within the interprofessional team and with community partners to enhance the quality of service in child and youth care practice.


8. Use evidence-based research, professional development resources and supervision models to support professional growth and lifelong learning.

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- Grade 12 English (C or U) - Minimum grade of 65% required.
- An information session is highly recommended.

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Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English⁸, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English⁹.

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COURSE EXEMPTIONS

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"I always wanted to be an advocate for children and youth. I met a victim services worker who told me about the program at George Brown. Knowing that I wanted to specialize in child abuse prevention and intervention, I felt that the courses in this program would help me set the foundation for my educational path. I also knew that I wanted to continue pursuing higher education and that Ryerson had a direct entry program, which allows George Brown students to apply to go directly into third year. These reasons and the fact that George Brown provided 2 full-year placements made me choose this program at George Brown."

Kirishika Ethayarajan (Graduate 2016, Child and Youth Care)

Francis says his time at the college is what gave him the practical tools he needed to make a difference. "I entered George Brown at 22 and it was the toughest thing I’ve ever done," he laughs. “But I worked really hard and took advantage of all the resources the college had to offer.”

Read Francis’s full story here.¹⁰

Francis Atta (Graduate 2012, Child and Youth Worker)

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In the Child and Youth Care (Fast-Track) program, you will have the opportunity to learn how to support children, youth and families at risk by developing therapeutic skills and abilities. Over the course of 16 consecutive months (4 semesters), you will learn how to build therapeutic relationships with clients and collaborate with your team as you evolve and create a professional identity as an agent of change.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES:

- age-specific focus (approx. 6-21 years old)
- emotional-behavioural issues
- mental health concerns including depression
- developmental conditions such as Autism

The curriculum is supported by four distinct pillars:

- resiliency
- ecological perspective
- anti-oppression and human rights framework
- restorative practices

Have questions? Review our most frequently asked questions and answers³.

This Child and Youth Care program has earned national accreditation, becoming the first of its kind in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area and the third in Canada to do so.

This program starts in January and is delivered over 16 consecutive months (four consecutive semesters).

Students are required to successfully complete a Ministry-approved crisis intervention training certificate in their first semester.

If students have not already completed a child development course (e.g. Child Development, Developmental Psychology, Lifespan Development) as part of their previous post-secondary credential, they will be expected to do so at an additional cost prior to beginning their final semester.

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

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

Students gain valuable hands-on experience through two supervised field placement opportunities. Each placement lasts four consecutive months and runs four days a week providing approximately 900 hours of field-related experience.
Field placement opportunities take place in agencies and institutions in the Greater Toronto Area including:

- hospitals
- group homes
- schools
- youth shelters
- community outreach programs

Students are expected to work both day and evening shifts (not overnight) and may be requested to work one weekend per month.

**Note:** Field placements are unpaid positions.

**PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Develop and maintain relationships with children, youth and their families applying principles of relational practice and respecting their unique life space, cultural and human diversity.
2. Assess and respond to the strengths and needs of children and youth, including complex responses impacted by developmental, environmental, physical, emotional, social and mental health challenges in order to promote positive change.
3. Analyze and evaluate the impact of the inter-relationship among family, social service, justice and community systems on children, youth and their families and use this information in the planning of holistic care and in the reduction of systemic barriers.
4. Plan, implement and evaluate interventions using evidence-informed practices in the areas of therapeutic milieu and programming, and group work to promote resiliency and to enhance development in children, youth and their families.
5. Advocate for the rights of children, youth and their families and maintain an anti-oppression perspective and cultural competence in diverse cultural contexts.
6. Apply communication, teamwork and organizational skills within the interprofessional team and with community partners to enhance the quality of service in child and youth care practice.
8. Use evidence-based research, professional development resources and supervision models to support professional growth and lifelong learning.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a 2-year or 3-year diploma, or a 3-year or 4-year bachelor’s degree

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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 for more details.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

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INTERNATIONAL (VISA) STUDENTS

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"I really feel that this program prepares you well. You’re going to learn what you need to know and I think you’re learning it from the right people."

Hayley Pocock (Graduate 2016, Child and Youth Care)

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VISIT OUR CAMPUS

We encourage you to sign up for an information session to learn more about this program, meet your professors and have your questions answered.

For a list of information session dates and times, visit georgebrown.ca/C143_info

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The Community Worker program has been preparing students to work with individuals and communities toward progressive social change for over 40 years. The two-year (four semester) Ontario College Diploma program integrates local and global perspectives within a multi-level understanding of the historical, social, political, economic and systemic ways in which current issues have developed and are experienced by communities. Grounded within social justice and human rights, we provide students with the critical analyses, knowledge, skills and attitude required to work with a diversity of largely marginalized and urban-centred individuals and communities on a range of social issues.

Program features include:

- Strong ties with over 200 agencies across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
- A 20+ year relationship with Anishnawbe Health Toronto (AHT). Graduates of AHT’s Community Health Worker Training Program can gain direct entry into the second year of the Community Worker program.
- We are the proud founder and lead organizer of the annual Tommy Douglas Institute that brings communities, students, educators and activists together to explore higher education and social justice in the 21st century.

Already have a diploma or a degree? Visit the Community Worker (Fast-Track) program page to see if you are eligible.

What is a Community Worker?

Emerging from a proud history of community-based organizing, advocacy and activism, community workers work with individuals and communities at all levels (local, national, natural and global) toward positive individual and social change.

Community workers are committed to the full and equal inclusion of all peoples within societies that value equality, diversity and human dignity. For us, the pursuit of social justice is about rights, not charity; working in solidarity with communities, not for them.

What key skills will you learn?

Throughout the program, students will have the opportunity to develop a variety of important and high-demand skills, including:

- Anti-oppressive and intercultural practice in working with diverse populations (including youth, immigrant communities, Indigenous populations)
- Critical analysis, research and writing
- Group facilitation and leadership
- Individual and group counselling
- Conflict mediation and restorative justice
- Community organizing, activism and development
- Proposal writing and program evaluation
- Policy analysis and rights-based advocacy

How is the program structured?

The program combines classroom instruction with two supervised field placements. Theory, analysis and practice are presented through a variety of innovative instructional tools developed from popular education and learner-centred approaches to teaching and learning. Highly participative classes of dialogue, debate, interactive lectures, guest panels, and group activities provide students with a program of study that is current, exciting and critically engaging.

Program courses are organized into four core areas:

- Community work theory and practice
- Social and political analysis
- Group skills and counselling
- Field placement and seminar

Who are our faculty?
Our faculty of experienced educators bring their passion for education and change to create a highly engaging and dynamic learning environment. Coming from backgrounds in local, national and global activism, they remain active on social issues and maintain close ties to communities, activists and organizations.

Who are our students?

From mature students to high school graduates, from newcomers to those hoping for a career change, our diverse and committed student-body is a core strength of our program.

If you are passionate about human rights and social justice, committed to working with diverse communities, bring a mature and professional approach to your education and fieldwork, and are prepared to take on a course load of 20+hrs/week, this program is for you.

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

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

Not only will students develop relationships with our community partners offsite through field placements, they will also meet in their classrooms through networking events, weekly guest panels (in Semester 1) and through various program electives that are taught by agencies and practitioners currently working in the field (i.e. Community Legal Issues, Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Perspectives in Community Development).

What types of field placements can you expect?

Students have the opportunity to develop practical skills and gain valuable work experience by completing two supervised placements (totaling 600 hours): a 200-hour placement in Semester 2 and a 400-hour placement over Semesters 3 and 4.

Through our strong ties to over 200 field agencies across the GTA, students can find placements suited to their specific interests (e.g. neighbourhood hubs, the City of Toronto, international agencies, food banks) and on a wide range of issues (e.g. poverty, settlement services, housing, violence, education, HIV/AIDS).

Note: Some of our student placement partners require students in this program to have a police reference 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 without a clear police reference check may find that their choice of placements is limited.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Establish constructive relationships with individuals concerned with community work.
2. Describe their personal values and motivation as a community worker.
3. Serve in a variety of grassroots community organizations especially in the areas of co-operatives, seniors and community legal services.
4. Be comfortable in community work roles ranging from direct service to classical advocacy and organizing.
5. Understand and articulate the special needs of multicultural groups.
6. Analyze social inequalities and demonstrate creativity in the organization of new services and institutions to meet community needs.
7. Work with groups to identify their own needs.
8. Access existing services and community resources.

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For further information, see georgebrown.ca/transferguide.

**Is this program right for you?** Not sure what to expect in this program? Check out this at-a-glance brochure designed to help you chart your path through the program and into your future career.

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

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**YOUR CAREER**

Our graduates

Recognized by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW), CW graduates can apply to receive the additional designation of RSSW (Registered Social Service Worker). Extra fees may apply.

The Community Worker program is proud to continue a long tradition of graduating Community Workers into a range of professions such as:

- shelter supervisors
- international development workers
- settlement and community development workers
- advocates on HIV/AIDS, food security, refugees, environment
"If you are interested in working with communities to make society better, then this program is for you. Experienced professors will give you the tools and support you need to effectively advocate for change. Going to the Community Worker program played a major role in getting my first full-time position in the field straight out of school."

**Michael Waglay** (Graduate 2014, Community Worker)

"I knew that I wanted to help people in a career where I could get personal satisfaction and that is exactly what I got. After graduating from the Community Worker program at George Brown College, I can honestly say that I wake up every morning with a smile on my face knowing that I get to make my living doing what I enjoy."

**Joselen Anesetti** (Graduate 2013, Community Worker)

"This program offers an excellent balance between practical skill building, and the development of theoretical analysis. While you will become accredited to work in the social service work field, you will also develop a more critical understanding of society. I feel more able to articulate the injustices that I see in the world around me, and more prepared to participate in strategies toward social change."

**Emily Green** (Graduate 2013, Community Worker)

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**LINKS REFERENCE**

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6. https://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/programs/social-work/
7. http://futuresstudents.yorku.ca/requirements/cmu
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COMMUNITY WORKER PROGRAM (FAST-TRACK) (C131)

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Community Worker (Fast-Track) is a dynamic social justice program grounded in the principles of human rights and anti-oppression that prepares students to work with largely urban-centred and diverse communities across a range of issues (i.e. poverty, housing, food security, immigration and settlement, etc.) in ways that are responsive to their multiple and changing needs.

What can you expect?

The three-semester Fast-Track program combines classroom instruction with supervised field placements. Theory, analysis and practice are presented through a variety of innovative instructional tools developed from popular education and learner-centred approaches to teaching and learning.

Highly participatory classes of dialogue, debate, interactive lectures, guest speakers and panels, and group activities provide students with a program of study that is current, exciting and critically engaging.

What key skills will you learn?

Throughout the program, students will have the opportunity to develop a variety of important and high-demand skills, including:

- anti-oppressive and intercultural practice in working with diverse populations (including youth, immigrant communities, Indigenous populations)
- critical analysis, research and writing
- group facilitation and leadership
- individual and group counselling
- conflict mediation and restorative justice
- community organizing, activism and development
- proposal writing and program evaluation
- policy analysis and rights-based advocacy

Features of the Community Worker program include:

- Strong ties with over 200 agencies across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
- Founder and lead organizer of the annual Tommy Douglas Institute that brings communities, students, educators and activists together to explore higher education and social justice in the 21st century.
- The larger Community Worker program has been graduating community workers for over 40 years.

Program courses are organized into four core areas:

- Community work theory and practice
- Social and political analysis
- Group skills and counselling
- Field placement and seminar

We take our students to the field and bring the field to our students. Not only will students develop relationships with our community partners through field placements, they will also meet with professionals in their classrooms at networking events, guest panels and program electives taught by agencies and practitioners currently working in the field (i.e. Community Legal Issues, Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Perspectives in Community Development, Housing and Homelessness).

Who are the faculty?

The experienced educators that make up our faculty bring their passion for education and change to create a highly engaging and dynamic learning environment. Coming from backgrounds in local, national and global activism, they remain active on social issues and maintain close ties to communities, activists and organizations.

Who are our students?

From graduates, mature students and newcomers to those already working in the field or hoping for a career change, our diverse student body is a core strength of our program.

International students: Visit the International Fees and Related Costs[^2] page for more information.
If you are passionate about human rights and social justice, committed to working with diverse communities, bring a mature and professional approach to your education and field work, and are prepared to take on a course load of 20+ hours per week, this program is for you.

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

Students have the opportunity to develop practical skills and gain valuable work experience by completing a 400-hour placement in the last two semesters of the program.

Through our strong ties to over 200 field agencies across the GTA, students can find placements suited to their interests in a variety of settings, from immigration and settlement services to food banks, and from cultural community services to governmental agencies.

Students also have the option to apply for one of our exciting international placements (i.e. India, Jamaica).

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Establish constructive relationships with individuals concerned with community work.
2. Describe their personal values and motivation as a community worker.
3. Serve in a variety of grassroots community organizations especially in the areas of co-operatives, seniors and community legal services.
4. Be comfortable in community work roles ranging from direct service to classical advocacy and organizing.
5. Understand and articulate the special needs of multicultural groups.
6. Analyze social inequalities and demonstrate creativity in the organization of new services and institutions to meet community needs.
7. Work with groups to identify their own needs.
8. Access existing services and community resources.

REQUIRED COURSES

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CAREER OPTIONS

**What does a Community Worker do?**

Emerging from a proud history of community-based organizing, advocacy and activism, community workers work with individuals and communities at all levels (local, national, natural and global) toward building inclusive societies that value equality, diversity and human dignity. For us, the pursuit of social justice is about rights, not charity; working in solidarity with communities, not for them.

Community Workers find work in a range of fields and settings, including:

- community agencies and neighbourhood hubs (including culturally specific agencies)
- governmental agencies (e.g. City of Toronto)
- international development agencies
- food banks and shelters
- immigration and settlement services
- community/drop-in centres
- healthcare centres
- rights and advocacy groups (e.g. poverty, settlement services, housing, violence, education, HIV/AIDS, etc.)
- campaign/political offices
- community education and arts organizations

YOUR CAREER

**Attain Additional Designation of RSSW**

Graduates of the Community Worker program will be awarded the professional designation of Community Worker (CW).

The Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) recognizes the CW program as equivalent to any Social Service Worker program offered in Ontario at a College of Applied Arts and Technology. See List of Social Service Work Programs web page for details. As such, CW graduates are eligible to apply for a certificate of registration with the OCSWSSW and can also apply to receive the designation of RSSW (Registered Social Service Worker). Additional fees for registration apply. Visit the OCSWSSW Fee Chart web page for more information.
FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Future Study Options

Students who successfully complete this program may qualify for advanced standing in Community Economic and Social Development at Algoma University\(^5\), as well as programs in Social Work at Algoma University\(^6\), Ryerson University\(^7\) and York University\(^8\).

For further information, see georgebrown.ca/transferguide.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• Diploma or Bachelor's Degree

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

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants with international transcripts who do not provide English Language 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 for more details.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Visit the International Admissions\(^9\) page for more information.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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4http://www.ocswssw.org/registration-section/fee-chart/
5http://algomau.ca/futurestudents
6http://www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/social-work/
7https://www.ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/social-work/
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SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM (C119)

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Social Service Worker (SSW) is an innovative two-year program designed to guide you in developing the knowledge, values and skills to work directly with a wide range of people confronting the full breadth of social issues and challenges. You will have the opportunity to learn to identify and understand systemic barriers that can impede access to social and economic justice in today's society, and work with those most affected to break down those barriers.

Students will examine the expanding professional roles and responsibilities of Social Service Workers in large urban centres and within a rapidly changing society.

In addition to the theoretical models, methods and skills of social service work practice, you will learn about:

- group facilitation
- advocacy and anti-oppressive practice
- proposal writing
- life skills methodology
- community development
- mental health
- substance use
- counselling skills

Apply to this program if you:

- have strong communications skills
- are committed to working in the social service profession
- enjoy working with a wide range of individuals, groups and communities

Many of the Social Service Worker faculty have professional experience with:

- federal, provincial and municipal governments
- hospitals
- marginalized communities
- institutional health and social service organizations
- a range of not-for-profit associations and agencies

• clinical practice

FAST-TRACK OPTION

There is a one-year Social Service Worker full-time option available to graduates of a baccalaureate program in disciplines such as psychology, sociology, women's studies, environmental studies, education and cultural anthropology at a university.

This fast-track option is also open to graduates of a college diploma program including:

- Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate
- Child and Youth Care
- Community Worker
- Activation Co-ordinator/Gerontology
- Early Childhood Education

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

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

SSW Pathways to BSW and MSW

FIELD EDUCATION OPTIONS

You will have the opportunity to participate in approximately 600 hours of field experience supervised by qualified professional practitioners in two different placements.

The college maintains relationships with hundreds of agencies operating in a wide range of institutional and community-based settings, both large and small, and throughout the Greater Toronto Area.
INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS

The George Brown College School of Social and Community Services has been offering placement opportunities in Jamaica and Cuba for a number of years. This option is only available to students in the full-time two-year program (C119).

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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.

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Note: Curriculum review is in progress. Course titles may change with short notice. Such changes will appear on georgebrown.ca
CAREER OPTIONS

Social Service Worker graduates may work directly with people in social services or be involved in community development or social justice and advocacy initiatives. They will have specific training and be well prepared to work in diverse urban communities and with individuals with a range of issues related to:

- mental health
- addictions
- homelessness
- poverty
- substance abuse
- oppression
- child welfare
- criminal justice
- crisis
- settlement
- related personal, emotional or social issues
- other determinants of health and social justice

YOUR CAREER

Graduates meet the educational requirements for registration as a Social Service Worker in the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Additional fees apply.

SSW 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
- hospitals
- governmental and non-governmental services

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Social Service Worker graduates may apply to complete a second diploma in a related George Brown College program in a reduced time frame (e.g. Community Worker program).

For further information on future study options, see georgebrown.ca/transferguide/

Graduates are eligible to apply for advanced standing at:

- Ryerson University in Toronto
- York University in Toronto
- Lakehead University in Orillia and Thunder Bay

They may also complete a four-year degree program in Community Economic and Social Development at Algoma University. With a grade point average of 3.0, graduates of the Social Service Worker program receive two years' credit toward this four-year degree at Algoma University.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U) - Minimum grade of 65% required

** MATURE STUDENT STATUS (19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NO OSSD)

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English.

Please note that George Brown is committed to ensuring that applicants will succeed in their program of choice and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Applicants may be required to have grades higher than the minimum requirements stated.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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"Throughout my two years as a George Brown College student, I have been provided with an adaptable, unique and diverse experience. The learning from my program classes has given me a vibrant edge in the field that undoubtedly shaped my experience as a working professional. The faculty have been incredibly accommodating, understanding, and have created a space where my opinion matters. I have been hired for a full-time position and have received two other phone calls for interviews. George Brown’s student placement opportunities, dedicated faculty and leading edge teaching have helped me to become a more confident Social Service Worker and I will forever be grateful."

Brittany Clayton (Graduate 2016, Social Service Worker)

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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*2.

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

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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).

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.

** 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 for more details.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit 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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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 1-800-266-2002.

LINKS REFERENCE

1https://collegeapply.ontariocolleges.ca/?collegeCode=GBTC&programCode=C135&lang=en
2http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135_programs_considered_for_admission.aspx
3http://www.ocswssw.org/
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