

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

<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	Social Service Worker	<b>TUITION</b>	\$3,901.00* ‡
<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>	6 weeks, 8 months (3 semesters)		
<b>EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING</b>	Field Education		*Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the first two semesters of programs starting in Fall 2018. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in Fall 2019 and at later dates.
<b>STARTING MONTH</b>	May		‡May semester fees are paid separately.
<b>CREDENTIAL</b>	Ontario College Diploma		
<b>YEAR OF STUDY</b>	2019-2020		
<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.** This program stream is available to college and university graduates with a diploma or degree related to the field of social or community work. In this program, you'll learn to identify and act upon 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.

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

- group facilitation
- allyship and anti-oppressive practice
- counselling skills
- community development and proposal writing
- social innovation
- mental health
- substance use and addiction

**Apply to this program if you:**

- have strong interpersonal skills and comfort working with people
- are committed to working toward a more just and equitable society
- are committed to examining the dynamics of power and oppression
- are committed to examining yourself and your social location
- are seeking to work with a wide range of individuals, groups and communities

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

- marginalized communities

- institutional health and social service organizations
- federal, provincial and municipal governments
- research and initiatives in social innovation
- a range of not-for-profit organizations and agencies
- direct practice with individuals, families, groups and communities

**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

\* Students with degrees from other disciplines **may** be considered if they successfully completed a minimum of 6 social science courses.

**OR**

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

- Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate<sup>2</sup>
- Child and Youth Care<sup>3</sup>
- Community Worker<sup>4</sup>
- Behavioural Science Technician<sup>5</sup>
- Activation Co-ordinator/Gerontology<sup>6</sup>
- Early Childhood Education<sup>7</sup>

Find a complete list of degrees and diplomas considered for admission to the SSW C135 fast-track program<sup>8</sup>.

**Students must successfully complete a 6-week bridging program that begins in May 2020 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.

## PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

This program is not available part-time.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Field Education

### YOUR FIELD STUDY 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 commencing 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)."

## 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
SWRK1052	Effective Communication In Social Service Work
SWRK1051	Fundamentals in Social Work
SWRK1070	Understanding & Working with Groups
SWRK1071	Perspectives on Mental Health
SWRK1072	Social Change & Proposal Development
SWRK1073	The Sociology of Power, Privilege and Identity

### SEMESTER 3 (SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER)

Code	Course Name
SWRK 2052	Group Facilitation
SWRK2057	Substance Use and Addiction
SWRK2058	Perspectives On 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	Field 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 Indigenous People Of Canada
SWRK1056	Dynamics of Oppression
SWRK1058	Social Enterprise

**Note: This program is undergoing curriculum review and development. The revised curriculum is proposed for Fall 2019.**

## 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>9</sup>

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

- substance use and addiction services
- mental health services
- residential programs
- day 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>10</sup>.

**\*\* Please note that successful completion of the 6-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

None

## HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM

### Police Vulnerable Sector Check (must renew every year)

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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 2013, Social Service Worker (Fast-Track)], Customer Support Representative, PointClickCare

## 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/programs/assaulted-womens-and-childrens-counsellor-advocate-program-c137/>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/child-and-youth-care-program-c133/>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/community-worker-program-c101/>

<sup>5</sup><http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/behavioural-science-technician-program-c146/>

<sup>6</sup><http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/activation-co-ordinator-gerontology-program-c102/>

<sup>7</sup><http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/early-childhood-education-program-c100/>

<sup>8</sup>[http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135\\_programs\\_considered\\_for\\_admission.aspx](http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135_programs_considered_for_admission.aspx)

<sup>9</sup><http://www.ocswssw.org/>

<sup>10</sup>[http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135\\_programs\\_considered\\_for\\_admission.aspx](http://www.georgebrown.ca/C135_programs_considered_for_admission.aspx)

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