ASSAULTED WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S COUNSELLOR/ADVOCATE PROGRAM (C137)

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Tuition

$3,741.00 *

Additional Cost

* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the first two semesters of programs starting in Fall 2019. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in Fall 2020 and at later dates.

The fees for the reference checks vary and must be paid by the student.

International students: Visit the International Fees and Related Costs² page for more information.

Financial Assistance

This program is approved for OSAP funding, provided the applicant meets OSAP eligibility criteria.

Note: This program is undergoing curriculum review and development. Please note there will be changes in the 2020-2021 course offerings.

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 self-identified women, children, trans and non-binary survivors. 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 for survivors who have experienced or are experiencing gender-based violence.

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.

Experiential Learning

Field Placement

Your Field Study 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.

REQUIRED COURSES

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YOUR CAREER

AWCCA 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 of the AWCCA program are eligible to apply for advanced standing in degree programs at York University in Toronto; Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia; Royal Roads University in Victoria, B.C.; Athabasca University (online) and the University of Victoria in the B.A. Health and Community in the School of Public Health and Social Policy. Graduates may apply for fast-track entry in a related George Brown College program in a reduced time in Social Service Worker (Fast-Track), Child and Youth Care (Accelerated) or Community Worker (Fast-Track) programs. Graduates are also eligible for the Early Childhood Fast Track Program (C130). 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)
- Mandatory information session
- Questionnaire

** 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 page for more information.

APPLY TO

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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 several weeks, are done to protect the clientele of these agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law.

BRIDGING - ADVANCED STANDING

Note: This program is undergoing curriculum review. Direct Entry to Second Year Option is closed for 2020-2021 Academic Year.

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/c137/direct-entry-to-second-year/

Meet some of our graduates and learn more about what to expect from the Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate program.

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

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

"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."

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

"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!"

CONTACT US

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Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate Program Coordinator

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LINKS REFERENCE

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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 GTA 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?
• 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.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Practicum in Semester 3

YOUR FIELD STUDY 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 Chart5.

APPLY TO

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"I have started working as an Employment Consultant with ACCES Employment in Toronto. Specifically, I am working with the Entrepreneurship Connections Pre-arrival program. I will always remember and be grateful for my wonderful experience with George Brown College, not only as a student in the Career Development Practitioner program, but also as a peer tutor/peer leader with the Tutoring and Learning Centre. I am very thankful for having been part of the educational program and student services at GBC. Thank you for the team at GBC who were part of this career journey!"

Natalie Treboute (Graduate 2019, Career Development Practitioner)

"It has been only a while since I finished the Career Development Practitioner (CDP) program at George Brown, but not long enough to expect landing an employment consultant position which means a huge step forward to me. Even though I had started working in the field a short time before beginning the CDP program, I admit that I would not be as confident and poised without having attended and participated in the classes. I am pleased to let you know that I have just started working as an employment consultant at Access Employment. I feel so fortunate to have been on the receiving end of all your support, advice, guidance and encouragement. I can’t thank you enough for everything."

Maryam Nehri (Graduate 2019, Career Development Practitioner)

CONTACT US

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**Career Development Practitioner Program Coordinator:**
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**LINKS REFERENCE**

2. https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/tuitionfees/
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George Brown College’s Child and Youth Care 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 Care Code of Ethics.

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 youth from potential risk to resilience.

PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

This program does not currently offer a part-time study option.

YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

Field placement plays an important role in the Child and Youth Care program.

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.

Second-year students can expect to be in placement two days a week and third-year students can expect to be in placement three days a week over 28 weeks (includes both the Fall and Winter Semester).

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.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

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Child and Youth Care graduates are also eligible to apply for a degree completion program at the following institutions:
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- School of Child and Youth Care at University of Victoria⁹
- Child and Youth Care at Humber College¹⁰

Students are eligible for membership in the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (OACYC)¹¹, the professional association representing Child and Youth Workers in the province of Ontario.

For further information, 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) - Minimum grade of 65% required.
- Volunteer experience with children and youth is highly recommended.

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

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English¹², OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English¹³.

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.

APPLY TO

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- To download the mandatory Requisite health form and for more details, go to the Pre-placement website at www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/social-and-community-services.aspx

Police Vulnerable Sector Check requirements and program policy (renew every year)

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Kirishika Ethayarajan  
(Graduate 2016, Child and Youth Care)  
"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."

Francis Atta  
(Graduate 2012, Child and Youth Worker)

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.  

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CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PROGRAM (ACCELERATED) (C143)

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Tuition
$3,673.00 *

Additional Cost
* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the first two semesters of programs starting in Fall 2019. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in Fall 2020 and at later dates.

International Students: Visit the International Fees and Related Costs 2 page for more information.

Financial Assistance
This program is approved for OSAP funding, provided the applicant meets OSAP eligibility criteria.

PLEASE NOTE: The Child and Youth Care (Accelerated) program runs from May 2020 through April 2022 for 12 consecutive months.

In the Child and Youth Care (Accelerated) program, you will have the opportunity to learn how to support at-risk children, youth and families by developing therapeutic skills and abilities. Over the course of 12 consecutive months (three semesters), you will learn how to build therapeutic relationships with clients and collaborate with a professional team as you develop skill sets to create a professional identity as an agent of change.

Scope of Practice Includes:
• assessing risk and developmental needs of vulnerable children and families
• designing and implementing therapeutic intervention
• crisis intervention and safety planning with children, youth and their families
• developing therapeutic relationships within challenging contexts
• applying group and systems theories in milieu work
• fostering resilience and applying a strength-based approach to assessment and intervention

Have questions? Review our most frequently asked questions and answers 3.

This program starts in May and is delivered over 12 consecutive months (three consecutive semesters).

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

Part Time Study Options
This program does not currently offer a part-time study option.

Experiential Learning
Field Placement (unpaid)

Your Field Study 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.

Field placement opportunities take place in agencies and institutions that offer services to the community within the Greater Toronto Area. The CYC program also offers placement experiences in Jamaica and India. Typical placement sites include:
• group homes
• schools
• hospitals
• youth shelters
• community outreach programs

Students are expected to work both day and evening shifts (not overnight) and may be requested to work on some weekends.

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.

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INTERNATIONAL (VISA) STUDENTS

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"After working at Cedar Heights Residential Living for just a few months, I was hired as a case manager. I work with youth living with brain based development issues who often have more than one diagnosis. There is never a dull day at work but I feel confident in the field due to my experience at GBC. I had a good base to start from because of the dedication of faculty in making course content relevant and I can apply lessons learnt to my actual work.

Thank you once again for everything!"

Deyana Sameh (Graduate, 2018, Child and Youth Care)

"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 is a two-year (four semester) Ontario College Diploma program that 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.

This program is recognized by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Graduates of this program can apply to receive the additional designation of RSSW (Registered Social Service Worker). Extra fees may apply.

Program features include:

- strong ties with more than 350 agencies across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
- 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
- founder and lead organizer of the annual Tommy Douglas Institute that brings communities, students, educators and activists together to explore community, education and social justice in the 21st century
- academic partner of grassroots activist training program Local Champions, Centre for Connected Communities

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 positive 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 in the Community Worker program?

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

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### COMMUNITY WORKER PROGRAM (C101)

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**Tuition**

$3,676.00 *

**Additional Cost**

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**International students:** Visit the International Fees and Related Costs page for more information.

**Financial Assistance**

This program is approved for OSAP funding, provided the applicant meets OSAP eligibility criteria.
• conflict mediation and restorative justice
• community organizing, activism and advocacy
• community development, project design and proposal writing
• policy analysis and rights-based advocacy

How is the Community Worker 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 the faculty who teach the Community Worker program?

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 the Community Worker 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 placement, students will be required to work in multiple small and large groups within classes and community settings.

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

PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

This program does not currently offer a part-time study option.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Field Placement

YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

Students will develop relationships with our community partners through field placements, and in their classrooms through networking events, weekly guest panels. Program option courses are often taught by practitioners currently working in the field (i.e. Community Legal Issues, Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Perspectives in Housing and Homelessness, etc.).

What types of field placements can you expect in the Community Worker program?

Students will have the opportunity to develop practical skills and gain valuable work experience by completing two supervised placements (totalling 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 350 field agencies and advocacy organizations across the GTA, students can find placements suited to their specific interests (e.g. neighbourhood hubs, international agencies, community food centres) and on a wide range of issues such as poverty, settlement services, housing, food justice, education, HIV/AIDS and anti-violence.

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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## YOUR CAREER

### Our graduates

Recognized by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW)\(^5\), graduates of the Community Worker program 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 justice, refugees, environment

## FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates may apply for advanced entry into other programs in the School of Social and Community Services and the School of Early Childhood. Graduates are eligible to apply for the Child and Youth Care program (C143)\(^6\), the Social Service Work program (C135)\(^7\), the Assaulted Women and Children's Counsellor Advocate program (C137)\(^8\) and Early Childhood Fast Track program (C130)\(^9\). Graduates who successfully complete this program may qualify for advanced standing in the Community Economic and Development B.A. at Algoma University\(^10\), the Social and Environmental Justice B.A. at Wilfred Laurier University\(^11\), and B.A. programs in Social Work at Algoma University\(^12\), Ryerson University\(^13\) and York University\(^14\). The Humber College\(^15\) B.A. in Community Development and the University of Victoria\(^16\) in British Columbia welcome graduates of the Community Worker program.

For further information, 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)

**NOTE**: Attending an information session is highly recommended.

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

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English\(^17\), OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English\(^18\).
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 page for more information.

**APPLY TO**

Domestic students should apply through Ontario Colleges.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

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Amina Hagar (Graduate 2019, Community Worker)

"My time in the Community Worker program has been invaluable, especially the practical experience I gained during my placement. The professors in the program also pushed me to expand my critical skills by creating meaningful dialogue and acknowledging lived experiences. The skills I gained from the program will stay with me as I go into the field and pursue higher education."

Jorge Cordero (Graduate 2018, Community Worker)

"The Community Worker program was a truly eye-opening experience which allowed me to define what my real passions are. Be it during the placements, the classes or the readings, each one assisted me to better understand the complexities of the state of society. The field placements allowed me to apply my classroom learning and were very beneficial for my current career goals. I would definitely recommend this program to anyone seeking a new career or wishing to enter the social services through an advocacy and social justice lens."

Natalie Illanes Nogueira (Graduate 2015, Community Worker)

"The Community Worker program taught me how to succeed in the field with critical thinking skills, human rights and anti-oppressive based frameworks. The program prepared me for the challenges and joys of working in the field. Wherever I go, I am praised for studying in the Community Worker program. My workplace has more Community Workers from George Brown than anywhere else!"

Michael Waglay (Graduate 2014, Community Worker)

"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."

Emily Green (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."

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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

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COMMUNITY WORKER PROGRAM (FAST-TRACK) (C131)

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**TUITION**

$3,594.00* ‡

**ADDITIONAL COST**

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‡May semester fees are paid separately.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** Visit the International Fees and Related Costs² page for more information.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

This program is approved for OSAP funding, provided the applicant meets OSAP eligibility criteria.

Highly participatory classes of dialogue, debate, activities, interactive lectures, guest speakers and panels, and group work 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 advocacy
- community development, project design and proposal writing
- policy analysis and rights-based advocacy

**Features of the Community Worker program include:**

- Strong ties with over 350 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 full-time Community Worker (C101) program has been graduating community workers for more than 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

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

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.

**What can you expect from the Community Worker (Fast-Track) program?**

The three-semester Community Worker (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.
Not only will you develop relationships with our community partners through field placements, you will also meet with sector professionals in your 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 Community Worker (Fast-Track) 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.

**What kind of students enrol in the Community Worker (Fast-Track) program?**

Graduates from other degrees and diploma programs interested in learning more about social justice and community development enrol in this program. Our students are a diverse group of students with broad social and community experiences.

**PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS**

This program does not currently offer a part-time study option.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Field Education

**YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS**

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

Through our strong ties to more than 350 field agencies across the GTA, students can find placements suited to their interests in a variety of settings, from immigration and settlement services to community food centres, and from cultural community services to governmental agencies.

Students also have the option to apply for one of our exciting international field experiences, in India or 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.

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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
- shelters and community food centres
- 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

Students who successfully complete this program may qualify for advanced standing in Community Development at Humber College, Community Economic and Social Development at Algoma University, as well as programs in Social Work at Algoma University, Ryerson University and York University.

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.
"The Community Worker (Fast-Track) program was a really great choice for me. Coming out of university I had a lot of theoretical knowledge about the career I was interested in, but the fast-track program really put my skills into practice and helped me focus my passion for community work. Through my placement, I was able to explore community issues that I never knew I was interested in and was able to network with so many inspiring people in my field! Now I'm applying for my masters with a much better idea about who I am and where I want to be."

Melissa Baldwin [Graduate 2018, Community Worker (Fast-Track)]

"George Brown College's Community Worker (Fast-Track) program is both an exciting and exhilarating one to pursue. It is an embodiment of the rudiments of our community life in action, equipping the student at completion with the basic tools of community organizing, community development, advocacy, social justice and equity within the framework of anti-oppression.

What's more, the comprehensive hands-on placement program gave me my first practical experience in the field. This program is a complete package and an invaluable one for anyone interested in giving back to society."

Nicholas Obasi [Graduate 2018, Community Worker (Fast-Track)]

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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
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- 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

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

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
- Behavioural Science Technician
- Activation Co-ordinator/Gerontology
- Recreation Management in Gerontology
- Early Childhood Education

In preparation for the field 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

**PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS**

This program is not available part-time.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Field Placement

YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

You will have the opportunity to participate in approximately 600 hours of field experience supervised by qualified professional practitioners in community agencies in a full year placement in the second year of the program.

The college maintains relationships with agencies operating in a wide range of institutional and community-based settings throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS

The George Brown College School of Social and Community Services has been offering placement opportunities in countries such as Jamaica and India for a number of years. When available, these opportunities are only open to students in the two-year, full-time program (C119).

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PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

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5. Examine current social policy, relevant legislation, and political, social, historical, and/or economic systems and their impacts for individuals and communities when delivering services to the user/client.
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7. Work from an anti-oppressive, strengths-based practice, recognizing the capacity for resilience and growth of individuals and communities when responding to the diverse needs of marginalized or vulnerable populations to act as allies and advocates.
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General Education Electives

CAREER OPTIONS

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

• mental health
• homelessness
• poverty
• substance use and addictions
• criminal justice
• crisis supports
• settlement and immigration
• social justice and advocacy

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.

Social Service Worker graduates have found employment in a variety of agency settings, including:

• mental health services
• substance use and addictions
• residential programs
• day programs
• case management services
• shelters
• drop-in and community centres
• family service organizations
• government and non-government agencies

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates may apply to complete a second diploma in a related George Brown College program in a reduced time frame [e.g. Community Worker (Fast-Track) program14].

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Graduates are eligible to apply for advanced standing in Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programs at:

• Ryerson University15 in Toronto
• York University16 in Toronto
• Lakehead University17 in Orillia and Thunder Bay
• Algoma University18 in Sault Ste. Marie

Graduates can also complete a four-year degree program in Community Economic and Social Development at Algoma University19. 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 English20, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English21.

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

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APPLY TO

Domestic students should apply through Ontario Colleges.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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Belinda Batista (Graduate 2013, Social Service Worker)

“The vast education I received helped me to understand social work and open my mind to the many sectors available within the field.”

Brittany Clayton (Graduate 2016, Social Service Worker), Community Support Worker, St. Michael's Hospital

“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.”

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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.

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.

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- 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
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OR

A college graduate with a diploma in:

- Assaulted Women’s and Children’s Counsellor/Advocate
- Child and Youth Care
- Community Worker
- Behavioural Science Technician
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Find a complete list of degrees and diplomas considered for admission to the SSW C135 fast-track program.

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 600 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.

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YOUR CAREER

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma or Bachelor’s Degree – Applicants must have a diploma or degree related to the field of social or community work15.

** 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 for more details.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

None

APPLY TO

Domestic students should apply through Ontario Colleges16

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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

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