

Program Roadmap: Is this program right for you?

About You

- You're committed to social justice and rights (human, economic, environmental, etc.).
- You enjoy working with diverse groups of clients and peers and have the ability to identify human rights, social justice and diversity related concerns.
- You're an empathetic people person with great social skills who is adept at moving from the big picture to the individual context.
- You have strong English language communication skills (written and oral).



Are you ready?

- To engage in the self-reflection assignments and discussion exercises that are foundational to this program. They are designed to build your self-awareness and ability to assess without judgement your own privilege and identity.
- To undergo a criminal record check (with the understanding that a clear check is not necessarily a prerequisite for obtaining a placement).
- To be responsible and professional in all your in-class and field-based work. That includes communicating clearly, and behaving with appropriate professionalism.
- The program has an intensive class workload and placement schedule. We recommend you do not exceed 15 hours per week of part-time work outside the program.

Did you know?

- In this program, we discuss potentially difficult or triggering subjects. You need to be able to compartmentalize any lived experience you have and apply concepts to your work in a professional manner. The college offers an extensive network of supports to students.
- There is overlap between the roles performed by a Social Worker (SW) and a Social Service Worker (SSW). This program trains graduates to be SSWs not SWs. To be a Social Worker (SW) you need a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree.

Chart Your Path Success

	1 st Year (or Semester 2+3+4)
Academic Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 required courses • 2 electives • Includes: Field Work Placement • Plus any additional courses required based on placement test results*
Industry Connections	<p>External Accreditation: Social Service Worker (SSW) designation is provided by <u>Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers</u>¹ (OCSWSSW). Graduates are eligible for registration with OCSWSSW.*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the annual social justice oriented labour fair hosted by George Brown. • Take advantage of <i>Lunch & Learn</i> sessions with guest speakers and regular in-class guest speakers to network. <p>Note: Both your field education opportunities must be with different employers and you cannot do this field experience at the same place you volunteer.</p>
Preparation Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start thinking about what type of social service work you are interested in. This will help you kickstart your field-placement search. • Register on STU-VIEW² for a mandatory in-person English placement test and for your courses. • Set up your georgebrown.ca email. This is how the college will keep in touch with you. • Get your student ID card. It gives you access to many college services and activities, including the Library Learning Commons. • Apply for financial aid and scholarships.

*Extra fees may apply

Other Services

The [Current Student](#)³ page has information about available services and activities including: [Athletics](#)⁴ (including clubs & recreation), [Student Life](#)⁵ activities (including the [Student Leadership Academy](#)⁶), [Counselling](#)⁷, [Accessible Learning Services](#)⁸, [Library Learning Commons](#)⁹, [tutoring](#)¹⁰, [peer coaching](#)¹¹, [technical support](#)¹² and more.

Program Highlights

- You have a great deal of control over where and with whom you conduct your two mandatory 14-week field placements. International and/or summer placement options may be available.
- George Brown provides degree pathway options whereby graduates may be eligible for advanced standing at Ryerson and/or York University in Bachelor of Social Work programs. Speak to your Program Co-ordinator for details.

About Us

- We have partnerships with a wide range of organizations that span a variety of geographic, age and social issues including: [Toronto District School Board](#)¹³, [Community Living](#)¹⁴, [Fred Victor](#)¹⁵ and [Fife House](#)¹⁶.
- We're a generalist program that offers insight and training in dealing with a variety of social issues at all levels: from cradle to grave and from the micro (individual) to the mezzo (community) to the macro (policy).
- Our faculty members have in-depth sector-specific knowledge and connections and are dedicated to fostering the next generation of SSWs.
- Located in the heart of Toronto, one of the most diverse cities in the world, George Brown offers a dynamic, multicultural and urban experience.
- We offer articulation agreements with other college programs and some universities.

What's Next

Graduates will meet the educational requirements for registration as a Social Service Worker in the [Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers \(OCSWSSW\)](#).¹⁷

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

Need career support?

Jump-start your job search with [Career Services](#)¹⁸ and [Career Coach](#)¹⁹.

The Career Services centre offers support to students before, during and after their studies.

- Identify your strengths and develop your career skills.
- Use our online tools and interactive workshops to build your resume, cover letter and interview skills.
- Work one-on-one with a Career Advisor to start your career development.

Still unsure?

We can help you find the program that's right for you.

Contact an Entry Advisor at 416-415-5000, ext. 2949 or collegeadvisor@georgebrown.ca.

Book an appointment using the [Entry Advising Client Intake Form](#)²⁰.

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Links Reference

- ¹<http://www.ocswssw.org/>
- ²<http://stuviview.georgebrown.ca>
- ³<https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/>
- ⁴<https://www.georgebrown.ca/athletics/>
- ⁵<https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentlife/>
- ⁶<https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentleadershipacademy/>
- ⁷<https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/counselling/>
- ⁸<https://www.georgebrown.ca/accessible-learning-services/>
- ⁹<https://www.georgebrown.ca/lc/>
- ¹⁰<https://www.georgebrown.ca/tlc/>
- ¹¹<https://www.georgebrown.ca/peerconnect/>
- ¹²<https://www.georgebrown.ca/lc/technology/techhelp/>
- ¹³<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/>
- ¹⁴<http://cltoronto.ca/>
- ¹⁵<http://www.fredvictor.org/>
- ¹⁶<http://www.fifehouse.org/>
- ¹⁷<http://www.ocswssw.org/>
- ¹⁸<https://www.georgebrown.ca/careerservices/>
- ¹⁹<https://georgebrown.emsicc.com/?radius=@ion=Toronto>
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- ²¹<https://www.facebook.com/georgebrowncollege>
- ²²<http://www.twitter.com/GBCollege>
- ²³<http://www.instagram.com/gbcollege/>
- ²⁴<http://www.youtube.com/user/georgebrowncollege>
- ²⁵<https://www.georgebrown.ca/mobileapps/>

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