

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER - INDIGENOUS SPECIALIZATION (SSIS)

Come and join us in this journey where you will transcend into a professional Social Service Worker, with Indigenous Specialization. You will learn Social Service Worker skills, ethics, theory, Anishnabek/Indigenous Teachings and have access to Elders and Knowledge Keepers. You will have much opportunity to practice your skills while be guided through the process. As you grow and transcend in the program, you will be well prepared to serve your communities in a good way.

Ontario College Diploma | 4 semesters | Barrydowne

This two-year Social Services Worker - Indigenous Specialization diploma program will offer a culturally relevant, client-centered approach that provides Indigenous and non-Indigenous students with the opportunity to prepare for work in the human services field. The Social Services Worker is a regulated profession, with standards of practice and established professional ethics regulated by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Students will learn to demonstrate consistent ethical, legal, and professional responsibility and adherence to the social work values and principles. The Indigenous specialization option will provide graduates with enhanced knowledge, skills, and the cultural competencies to work effectively with Indigenous peoples.

Fieldwork/Placement

Students who meet the requirements, will have the opportunity to complete a community placement. Students will be responsible for any expenses incurred related to placement, such as Paramed consultation, transportation, meals and accommodations.

Agencies will require students to have additional medical and non-medical documents prior to the completion of any community based placement. Paramed will be responsible for the coordination of the required documentation in consultation with the students.

Required documentation includes:

- Criminal Records Check - Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Health documentation (up-to-date immunization, Two-step TB test, freedom for communicable disease)
- First Aid/CPR
- Field certifications - Bill 18 requirements

Quick Links

How to Apply (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply/>)

Community Services (<http://cambriancollege.ca/field-of-study/community-services/>)

Admission Requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C) or (U)

Recommended:

- Computer competency in relevant software

Additional Requirements

- First Aid Certificate prior to field placement
- Criminal record check completed at least one month prior to field placement.
- Two-step TB test and flu shot (for some placements)

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Program Delivery

2022-2023

This program will be delivered in the following terms:

Fall Term Start

1. SEMESTER 1 Fall 2022
2. SEMESTER 2 Winter 2023
3. SEMESTER 3 Fall 2023
4. SEMESTER 4 Winter 2024

For specific term start/end dates and other key dates/deadlines, please see the Academic Schedule (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply/how-to-apply/academic-schedule/>) on our website.

Program of Study for 2022-23 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
PSY 1050	Introduction To Psychology I	3
IND 1003	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
WES 1010	Professional Com/ Giigadowin I	3
WES 1111	SWPractice/Oshkaabewis I	4
WES 1002	Anishnabeg/Indigenous Social Services I	3
One General Education Course. ¹		3
Credits		22
Semester 2		
ENG 1242	Speaking/Writing Comm. Services I	3
WES 1003	Anishnabeg/Indigenous Family and Community Dynamics	3
WES 1211	SWPractice/Oshkaabewis II	4
WES 1241	Professional Com/Giigadowin II	3
WES 1295	Field Work I	2
One General Education course. ¹		3
Credits		18
Semester 3		
WES 1004	Anishnabeg/Indigenous Social Services II	3
WES 1063	Anishnabeg/Indigenous Social Work Practice III	4
WES 2052	Recording & Observation	3
WES 1251	Ethics	3
WES 2320	Group Dynamics	3

One General Education course. ¹		3
	Credits	19
Semester 4		
WES 2490	Field Work II	20
	Credits	20
	Total Credits	79

¹ For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (<https://cambriancollege.ca/general-education-electives/>).

Fees

Tuition and Ancillary Fees

Please see our fees page (<http://cambriancollege.ca/fees/>) for the breakdown of tuition and mandatory ancillary fees by program and semester for both domestic and international students.

Books & Supplies

The cost of books and supplies is under review for Year 1. The information will be updated on the website upon further review of the program.

Graduate Options

Employment Opportunities

Graduates may seek employment for casework and counselling positions within:

- Social agencies of the municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- Urban Indigenous agencies
- First Nation Communities
- Childcare agencies
- Non-government services and agencies
- Charitable organizations
- Group homes
- Residential homes
- Half-way houses
- Long term care and retirement homes
- Employment
- Homelessness/Poverty/Housing
- Addiction and Mental Health Agencies
- Child Welfare agencies
- Children, Youth and Families

College/University Degree Opportunities

Graduates from this program may continue their studies at college/ university and may receive credit for their prior College education.

Refer to College/University Agreements (<http://www.cambriancollege.ca/agreements/>) for further information.

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