

Community and Justice Services



Program Locations:	Peterborough
Program Code:	CJS
Co-ordinator:	Cindy Gervais
Credential:	Ontario College Diploma
Start Dates:	September 04, 2012 - January 07, 2013
Tuition Fees:	\$1,864.70 per semester. Tuition and fees subject to change.

The Community and Justice Services program will prepare you for front-line work in the criminal justice system and community services field, where you can contribute to positive individual and social change.

Program Highlights

As a graduate of the Community and Justice Services program, you will be challenged to do your personal best -- learning how to develop effective relationships with those who are in your care.

Throughout the two-year Community and Justice Services program, you will learn what's needed to work with society's at-risk youth and adult populations through experiential and in-class training. Your courses will include a significant focus on human relations and communications skills -- which are essential to your success in this field. You will obtain the skills and training to work in diverse community and institutional settings. You may work with people who are currently involved, or who are at risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system, child welfare, or mental health systems. As well, you may work with people who are currently incarcerated, or who are experiencing difficulties as a result of addictions, anti-social behaviours, or a lack of family and community supports.

University Grad?

Are you a university graduate? You may be eligible for direct entry into second semester of this program and graduate in as little as 12 months. Contact the program co-ordinator for more information.

Why Choose Fleming

Your access to real-life, experiential training is longer than in most other Community and Justice Services programs offered elsewhere. The 14-week field placement gives you a great deal of exposure to the field -- and employers respect and value your training. Fleming College's reputation is well recognized, both in Ontario and outside of the province, for providing excellent exposure to the scope of skills involved in working with at risk individuals. Our Field Observation course is unique in the Ontario college system in that it operates inside a federal institution, providing students with the experience of working with inmates.

Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative

Fleming College's Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative is an inclusive approach to providing more understanding of Aboriginal peoples, communities and nations. You will have an opportunity to take courses designed from an Aboriginal perspective with emphasis on Aboriginal peoples, history, spirituality and culture. See the Aboriginal Emphasis Initiative page for courses available in this program.

Common First Semester

Students in our Law and Justice diploma programs take the same courses for first semester after choosing and being accepted into one of our programs. This common focus exposes you to a variety of career options and other programs, while you acquire a base of knowledge and fundamental skills. It also enables you to change direction if you find another program or career area is more appealing. You can enter that program in semester two, provided that you have achieved academic success in first semester, and subject to enrolment capacity.

Work Experience

The field placement experience is a 14-week block, longer than placements in many other Community and Justice Service programs. During placement, you will be required to obtain a minimum of 520 hours in the field. Placements are available throughout the province in correctional institutions (federal or provincial), young offender facilities, or community-based programs dealing with adults or youth. Some agencies may require you to submit a current police records check. If you have been convicted of an offense under the Criminal Code for which you have not been pardoned, you may be denied the opportunity to do a field placement. (If you are deficient in one course you will require a personal interview with the program coordinator to determine if field placement is possible. A student who is deficient in two or more courses will be unable to enroll in third semester until their transcript is complete and clear.)

Is this You?

It's a definite asset if you've had volunteer or paid work experience, working with people in crisis or in need, such as with Big Brothers/Sisters, or in peer counselling. You've got to have a genuine desire to work with people, some of whom have made poor decisions and require some guidance in order to become integrated into their communities. It also helps if you have:

- good interpersonal skills
- patience
- cultural sensitivity
- good conflict resolution/problem solving skills
- emotional maturity

Career Opportunities

By the time you graduate, you will be well-qualified for employment and a rewarding career. Graduates of the Community and Justice Services program typically obtain employment in various agencies, programs and institutions in the correctional, child welfare and broader social service systems.

- Correctional Services Canada
- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- privately operated group homes
- other provincial correctional departments/ministries
- community based social service agencies

The placement rate for Fleming graduates in related work is high. Expect to make an average starting salary of \$30,000.00, and more with experience.

Minimum Admission Requirements

OSSD with the majority of credits at the College (C) and Open (O) level, including:

- 2 College (C) English courses (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

When (C) is the minimum course level for admission, (U) or (U/C) courses are also accepted.

Mature Students

If you are 19 years of age or older before classes start, and you do not possess an OSSD, you can write the Canadian Adult Achievement Test to assess your eligibility for admission.

Students starting in January are required to attend classes over the summer semester.

Related Programs

You might also find the Social Service Worker program interests you. Or, take a look at Customs, Security and Risk Management, or Police Foundations if a career in law enforcement is your goal.

Health Requirements

Increasingly, agencies ask students participating in field placement to meet specific health requirements such as proof of vaccination against Hepatitis B and a Two-Step Mantoux Test. For more information and to print the required immunization form, please see the Immunization Information page.

Additional Costs

You should plan to spend approximately \$740 per year for books and supplies.

Transfer Agreements

We are committed to providing students and graduates with flexible options to get maximum recognition of their college studies. Through joint programs and transfer agreements with the following universities, you can apply the learning you acquire at Fleming College to earn a related degree in less time, and at less cost.

- Athabasca University
- Griffith University, Queensland, Australia
- Royal Roads University - Victoria, B.C.
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Curriculum for Community and Justice Services

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
LAWS 85	Aboriginal Justice	30
COMM 80	College Communications for Law and Justice Professionals	37
LAWS 43	Intro to Political Science & Public Administration	45
LAWS 44	Introduction to Canadian Justice System	45
SOCI 36	Introduction to Psychology	45
SOCI 123	Introduction to Sociology	45
COMP 345	Introductory Computing	45
SOCI 122	Strategies for Success	30

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
COMM 147	Communicating at Work for Law and Justice Professionals	45
FLPL 12	Field Integration I	30
FLPL 16	Field Observation	30
SOCI 30	Interviewing and Counselling Techniques	30
SOCI 38	Issues in Diversity	45
SOCI 42	Management of Disturbed Behaviour	30
LAWS 60	Penology	45
LAWS 73	Security Techniques	30
LAWS 136	Youth in Care	30

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Hours
FLPL 19	Field Placement	525
SOCI 67	Workplace in the Community	45
COMM 38	Writing About Placement	45

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Hours
SOCI 2	Abnormal Psychology	30
LAWS 18	Criminology	45
SOCI 159	Ethics	30
FLPL 14	Field Integration II	30
SOCI 24	Group Work Dynamics	30
SOCI 45	Organization Management Issues	30
SOCI 56	Programs for Modifying Behaviour	45
LAWS 201	Trends in Community Justice	30
GENED	General Education Elective	

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