

Social Service Worker

Program Locations:	Peterborough, Lindsay
Program Code:	SW, SWF
Co-ordinator:	Jill Stocker
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.



Want to make a difference in the community? As a Social Service Worker you can be on the front line of positive change.

Program Highlights

You will participate in respectful, empowering relationships with groups and individuals, and advocate for change when needed. Student experiences as a volunteer (200 hours suggested) before and while you are in the Fleming Social Service Worker program enhance your learning and increase your job opportunities.

First semester courses include the fundamentals required for social service work, concepts of social justice and power differences between peoples and communities. Second semester courses increase skills in counselling, social justice and diverse populations, program development and case management. Third semester courses concentrate on skills and knowledge required to work with groups, individuals and communities in such areas as mental health, addictions and partner and family maltreatment. The emphasis is on group and team work, ethical conduct and community organizing and advocacy.

Your final semester course puts classroom knowledge to work in a full-time field placement location with learning guided by both faculty and agency personnel.

At Fleming, you graduate with two additional training certificates widely recognized by agencies as "value added" to increase your employment potential: ASIST Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, and NVCI Non-Violent Crisis Interventions skills training.

Why Choose Fleming

Fleming's Social Service Worker program is the only one in the Kawarthas--a good choice for local people, as well as those who want to take advantage of smaller classes and more individually focused learning. It's increasingly chosen by university graduates to build job-related skills and practice.

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.

Work Experience

The final semester integrates learning and takes place in a work setting matching your learning needs and choice of location. You may require a current police records check, which is available from your local police department upon payment of a fee. You may also be required to provide a current Standard First Aid Certificate, a current Basic CPR Certificate (level C) and Proof of Immunization. For more information, and to print the required immunization form, please see the Immunization Information page.

Is this You?

To succeed in this program and career, you need:

- emotional maturity
- empathy and compassion
- sensitivity to diversity (ages, cultures, gender)
- excellent interpersonal skills
- self-awareness
- good stress and time management skills

Career Opportunities

As a Social Service Worker, you will provide assistance, advocacy, skill development training and short-term, strength-based counselling in a variety of community-based organizations. You will work with a diverse range of people and personal circumstances, including:

- psychiatric survivors
- mentally challenged adults and children
- victims of violence
- seniors
- families living in poverty
- at-risk youth

Social Agencies that have hired Social Service Worker Graduates:

- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Hastings Centennial Manor Long-Term Care
- Associations for Community Living

- Broken Arrow Residential Treatment Services
- Kinark Child and Family Services
- City of Peterborough - Ontario Works

Graduates of the program are eligible to be registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

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

Not quite decided on which community development career to pursue? Why not consider Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, or the Community and Justice Services program if you have a desire to help people improve their lives?

Additional Costs

Plan to spend approximately \$1350 for year one and \$700 for year two 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
- Lakehead University
- Ryerson University
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Curriculum for Social Service Worker

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
GNED 49	Aboriginal History and Culture	45
COMM 79	College Communications for the Helping Professions	37
COUN 55	Counselling Skills I	45
SOCI 25	Human Growth and Development	45
COUN 17	Introduction to Social Service Work Theory and Practice	30
COUN 56	Introduction to Social Welfare	30
COMP 345	Introductory Computing	45
SOCI 165	Power, Privilege and Oppression	45

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Hours
COUN 64	ASIST - Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training	15
COUN 58	Case Management	30
COMM 146	Communicating at Work for the Helping Professions	45
COUN 57	Counselling Skills II	45
FLPL 64	Preparing for Field Work I	30
COUN 31	Program Design and Development	45
COUN 20	Social Justice and Diversity	45
GENED	General Education Elective	

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Hours
COUN 60	Community Organizing	45
COUN 62	Counselling Skills III	45
COUN 66	Group Theory: Models and Dynamics	30
COUN 65	Knowledge, Values and Ethics for Social Service Workers	45
COUN 59	NVCI for Social Service Workers	30
FLPL 66	Preparing for Fieldwork II	30
COUN 63	Responding to Intimate Partner and Family Maltreatment	45
COUN 61	Social Service Work Practice in Mental Health and Addiction	45

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Hours
FLPL 1	Block Placement	525

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