

CAREER DEVELOPMENT MAP

Personal Support Worker Program

Build your career brand as a Personal Support Worker. As a graduate of the Personal Support Worker program, you will provide support services to individuals and families in need of assistance. With this satisfying, people-focused career, you will be prepared to assist children, adults, and seniors with special

needs or disabilities, and help them maximize their life experience. Graduates are working in a variety of settings: long-term care facilities; group homes; community agencies; hospitals; schools; day care centres (children or adults); and home care agencies.

	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	AND BEYOND	
DEVELOP YOUR CAREER BRAND	LEARN			
	BE OPEN TO ALL CAREER POSSIBILITIES	Check out academic orientation , meet program coordinators and fellow students who are also starting their career path towards working as a Personal Support Worker.	Enroll in one of the free on-campus certifications such as the Campus Health or Information Literacy certifications.	Keep in contact with Career Services , graduates can access services for two years beyond graduation.
	BUILD ON YOUR PROGRAM AND EXPERIENCES	Register with Career Services and access TypeFocus to identify personality strengths and values that you need to be able to communicate to potential employers.	Come to a Program Advisory Committee meeting. Demonstrate leadership skills and get involved with the future of your program!	Access community job search resources after graduation at Fleming CREW , Lindsay VCCS , or other providers .
	BELONG			
	GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY	Begin your co-curricular record to track campus and community involvement that contribute to your career brand. Investigate volunteer opportunities both on and off campus.	Get involved in industry, track organization such as: Personal Support Network of Ontario or Personal Support Worker Association	Stay in touch, network with program faculty and your peers after graduation.
	FIND SUPPORT FOR YOUR CAREER PATH AND GOALS	Connect with campus resources such as Tutoring & Academic Skills , start your academic career off on a strong footing.	Your Foundations for Personal Support Workers II course will allow you to demonstrate problem solving and decision making skills while leaning about the role of PSW's in the healthcare system.	Consider educational pathways such as the PSW to RPN Bridging program .
	USE YOUR EDUCATION TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES	Investigate Fleming College's commitment to sustainable practices and see how you can get involved. There are many on-campus opportunities to demonstrate your teamwork & collaboration skills.	Introductory Computing will ensure that you have the needed computer skills for industry. Participate in Networking and LinkedIn workshops to build your job search skill sets.	Connect and register with the Alumni Office , find out how Fleming supports you after graduation. Mentor a student, stay connected through the Alumni LinkedIn page.
	BECOME			
	BE SUCCESSFUL ON YOUR TERMS	First in your family to attend College? Connect with supports to help you navigate College and access a wide variety of Student Life resources to help you succeed at College	Book an appointment with a Career Educator to discuss your plans beyond graduation, or practice your interview skills by completing a virtual mock interview through Interview Stream.	Explore Continuing Education certificate such as Palliative Care for ongoing learning opportunities within your industry.
EMBRACE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AROUND YOU	Your first semester courses such as PSW Skills Lab I and Clinical Preparation and Success Strategies for PSW will have you practicing industry skills and demonstrating communications skills.	Your Clinical Placements in Long Term and Clinical settings will allow you to develop industry skills, connect with new colleagues and demonstrate professionalism in the workplace.	Continue to document your career achievements in your portfolio or access ePortfolio resources . Tools like a portfolio can make managing your career easier.	