

Diploma

Human Services Professional

Successfully training Human Services workers since 2006.

Program Start: September 2019 and January 2020

Why Choose Columbia College's Human Services Professional Diploma?

- Accelerated Program - Complete a 2 year diploma in 12 months.
- Columbia's Human Services Professional Diploma Program is licensed by the Private Vocational Training Branch of the Alberta Government.
- Courses and/or Diploma may be transferable to Athabasca University, Lethbridge College, or Royal Roads University.
- Excellent Graduation and Employment Rates:
 - ⇒ In 2017 - 2018, 92% graduation rate
 - ⇒ In 2017 - 2018, 89% employment rate
- A solid foundation of theory and practice that will prepare you to work in a variety of settings including social and community service agencies, and non-profit organizations.
- Complete 300 hours of real world experience through practicum placements + 24 hours of in-class practicum workshops. Additional Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training (8 hours)



The starting salary for Human Services Professionals is up to \$30/hour

Once you are registered in the program, Columbia College offers a FREE mandatory program orientation College Skills for Success course to help you to be successful in your program.
Learn Strategies on Note Taking, Test Taking, Memory, Active Reading, Stress Management and more!

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For more information or to apply, please visit: www.columbia.ab.ca

Meet with an Admissions Advisor. No appointment required.

Walk-in hours are:

Monday - Thursday (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)

Please visit our website for detailed program and admission information.



What courses will I take in the program? (Subject to change)

Semester 1—5

- Fundamentals of English Composition
- Human Growth and Development Across the Life Span
- Role Exploration and Competencies of the Human Services Worker
- Computer Skills for Professionals
- Fundamentals of Effective Interpersonal Communication
- Theory and Methods in Human Services
- Understanding and working with Individuals and Families with Exceptionalities
- Basic Concepts of Psychology
- Children and Youth at Risk
- Human Services Practicum (Part 1)

Semester 6—10

- Introduction to Gender & Women Studies
- Interviewing & Counselling Skills for Human Services Workers
- Policies, Issues, Ethics and Professional Practices
- Mental Health Issues and Addiction
- Special Topics in Human Services
- Community Development and Advocacy
- Family Systems, Dynamics and Support
- An Introduction to Sociology
- Human Rights & Diversity Issues
- Human Services Practicum (Part 2)

TUITION FREE UPGRADING **AVAILABLE**

Tuition **FREE** Academic Upgrading courses may be available to help you meet the entry requirements into this program.

What do Human Service Workers do?

Graduates from the Human Services Professional Diploma Program may be successfully employed in a variety of settings such as social and community service agencies such as group homes and halfway houses, correctional facilities, community health centres, and in programs addressing alcoholism, drug abuse, family violence, and aging. Human Service workers offer assistance to individuals requiring physical and cognitive rehabilitation and lifestyle maintenance – including leisure integrative programs, children and youth at risk, settlement services, and supporting individuals requiring social work assistant intervention.

What Organizations Have Hired Columbia's Graduates?

Examples:

How long is the program?

- Calgary Alpha House
- Wood's Homes
- Enviros
- Autism Calgary
- Salvation Army
- Columbia College
- Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre
- Prospect Human Services
- Centre for Newcomers
- Immigrant Services Calgary

50 weeks (1 Year)

What are the Program Entry Requirements?

There are two basic options for admission into the Human Services Professional program:

Standard Admission

- Alberta high school diploma, verified by transcript, or non-Alberta equivalent, and
- English 30-1, English 30-2 with a final mark of 60%, or equivalent

OR

Mature Admission

Students who do not meet the academic requirements listed above can apply through academic assessment. Academic assessment students must meet the following:

- Be 19 years of age or older, and
- Out of high school for 1 year, and
- Successfully meet the entry levels on Columbia College's Accuplacer assessment test or equivalent

All Students Must Have:

- Attend Columbia College's Program Orientation and tuition-free online College Skills for Success course before the start of your program.
- Admissions interview(s) to determine suitability for the profession and opportunity for success in the program.
- Evidence of the application for a Police Information Check must be submitted prior to the start of the program. For those who may work with children and youth, a Vulnerable Sector Search (and Child Intervention Check) is also required.
- Standard First Aid and CPR Training Level C (prior to starting practicum – by the end of the first semester) is also required for those who may work with children and youth during their practicum.