



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

Human Services Professional Diploma

Specializations:
Social Work Assistant
Youth Worker
Education Assistant

Program Start Dates: May 22, 2017; Sept. 6, 2017

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.
- Successfully preparing Human Services workers since 2006.
- Choose courses based on your specialization.
- Excellent Graduation and Employment Rates:
 - ⇒ In 2015 - 2016, 75% graduation rate
 - ⇒ In 2015 - 2016, 83% employment rate
- A solid foundation of theory and practice that will prepare you to work in a variety of settings including education, social and community service agencies, and non-profit.
- 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)

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, visit us at 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); Saturday (8:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Please visit our webpage 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
- Introduction to Human Services
- Approaches to Learning
- Computer Skills for Professionals
- Fundamentals of Effective Interpersonal Communication
- Theory and Methods in Human Services
- Observations and Techniques of Behaviour Management
- Understanding and working with Individuals and Families with Exceptionalities
- Speech and Language Development
- Planning for Inclusion
- Basic Concepts of Psychology
- Supporting Instruction Across the Curriculum
- Children and Youth at Risk
- Child Development

Semester 6—10

- Introduction to Gender 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 (Semesters 1-10)

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 public and private educational settings, 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:

- Calgary Alpha House
- Wood's Homes
- Enviros
- Autism Calgary
- Salvation Army
- Calgary Catholic School Board
- Many Private Schools
- Calgary Board of Education
- Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre
- Prospect Human Services
- Centre for Newcomers
- Immigrant Services Calgary
- Columbia College

How long is the program?

50 weeks (1 Year)

What are the Program Entry Requirements?

Mature Student Status:

- Must be a minimum of 19 years old .
- Out of high school for 1 year.

OR

- 18 years old with a Canadian grade 12 high school diploma.

All Students Must Have:

- Canadian Language Benchmark Level (CLBL) 8 (if English is your second language).
- Submitted a completed Columbia College application.
- Achieved an acceptable mark on the Columbia College assessment.
- Clear Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector Search - Prior to starting the program.
- Clear Child Intervention Check - Prior to starting the program.
- Met all other program requirements.
- Educational Assistant Specializations - Standard First Aid and CPR Level C Training Level C - Prior to starting a practicum - By the end of the first semester.

Are you working or have worked in this field?

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) recognizes this non-formal learning, and you may not need to take all the courses in this program. We will assess your work experience and/or courses taken at another college or university in determining what courses you need to take to become certified.

BRIDGING TO HUMAN SERVICES DIPLOMA PROGRAM THROUGH UPGRADING

We help you meet entry requirements into Columbia College's professional programs.