

Diploma

Social Services Professional

Successfully training Social Service workers since 2006!

Your Career in Social Services Starts Here

Experience the convenience of online, accelerated learning, allowing you to achieve a 2-year diploma in just 12 months.

If you have a deep-rooted passion for helping individuals and a strong desire to make a meaningful impact in your community, this program is the key to a rewarding career. Our comprehensive curriculum is designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience needed to excel as a social service professional.

From counseling techniques and community development strategies to advocacy and social justice principles, you will explore diverse areas that shape the field. With dedicated instructors who bring real-world expertise, innovative learning resources, and immersive hands-on opportunities, you'll develop the confidence and competence required to address the pressing social challenges of today.

Join our vibrant community of change-makers and embark on a transformative journey where you can truly make a difference.

Quality education employers value.

Connect with an advisor today for detailed program information:

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Program Statistics



96%

Employment Rate
2021-2022



84%

Graduation Rate
2021-2022



\$30

Per Hour
Starting Salary

Duration	50 Weeks
Start Dates	January, May, September
Program Delivery	Online
Type	Diploma
Program Fees	\$14,464 <small>*Subject to change with new academic year</small>
Class Schedule	Tues and Thurs (5:30pm - 9:30PM), Sat (8:30am to 4:30pm), and Tues (3pm to 5pm once per month)

Program Entry Requirements

Students can apply for admission into the Social Services Professional program through either Standard Admission or through Mature Admission.

1. Standard Admission

- Alberta high school diploma, verified by transcript, or non-Alberta equivalent,
- English 30-1 with a final mark of 60%, English 30-2 with a final mark of 70%, or equivalent

2. Mature Student Admission

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

Additional Requirements

- Attend Columbia College's Program Orientation prior to the start of the 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, Vulnerable Sector Search and Child Intervention Check must be submitted prior to the start of the program.
- Standard First Aid and CPR Training Level C (prior to starting practicum – by the end of the first semester).

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

Need to upgrade your academic skills before starting college? Our tuition-free College Prep Upgrading courses provide students with the tools they need to succeed in college-level courses.

*Conditions apply. Speak to an advisor for more information.