

**Social Service Worker - Ontario College Diploma**
**Program of Study 2025/2026**

- Students starting in the 2025/2026 academic year (September - August) must follow the Program of Study shown below.
- If you began your studies prior to the 2025/2026 academic year, please contact Professional and Part-time Learning at 905-721-3052 or [ppl@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:ppl@durhamcollege.ca) to obtain the Program of Study that applies to your start date.
- You will have a maximum of 15 semesters (5 years) from the start date of your first course to complete this diploma.
- Upon successfully completing the courses below and any additional program specific requirements, you may apply to graduate by visiting the [Professional and Part-time Learning Convocation webpage](#).
- Not all courses are available every semester. Please visit the [Program webpage](#) to view current course availability.
- **It is your responsibility to meet current course prerequisites. Note: Prerequisites may change from what is noted below. Please visit each course information page for current prerequisite requirements.**
- **Tip: Monitor your progress by entering your marks and completion dates in the column provided below.**

**Required Courses (suggested sequence of study)**

Course Name	Course Codes	Pre-requisite(s)*	Day School Equivalent	Completion Date and Mark	
Communication Foundations	Online	COMM 1884	N/A	COMM 1100	
Principles of Psychology	Online	PSYC 1189	N/A	PSYC 1119	
Professional Practice in SSW	Online	SSWK 1181	N/A	SSWK 1101	
Interviewing and Counselling Skills I	Online	SSWK 1182	N/A	SSWK 1102	
Indigenous Populations	Online	INDG 1180	N/A	INDG 1100	
Lifeskills	Online	SSWK 1180	N/A	SSWK 1100	
SSW Field Placement Preparation*	Online *This course should be taken the semester before completing Field Placement 1 and Seminar	FDPL 1183	N/A	FDPL 1103	
SSW Field Placement I and Seminar	Online	SSWK 1280	FDPL 1183 SSWK 1181 SSWK 1182	SSWK 1200	
Development Across the Lifespan	Online	PSYC 1287	PSYC 1189	PSYC 1207	
Diversity and Cultural Humility	Online	SOCI 1288	INDG 1180	SOCI 1208	
Interviewing and Counselling Skills II	Online	SSWK 1281	SSWK 1182	SSWK 1201	
Crisis Intervention	Online	SSWK 1282	SSWK 1182	SSWK 1202	
Pharmacology and Behaviour	Online	PHRM 2182	N/A	PHRM 2102	
Social Welfare and Anti-oppressive Practice	Online	SOCI 2182	NA	SOCI 2102	
Family and Family Systems	Online	SSWK 2180	SSWK 1281	SSWK 2100	
Group Counselling Skills	Online	SSWK 2181	SSWK 1281	SSWK 2101	
SSW Field Placement II and Seminar	Online	SSWK 2182	SOCI 1288 SSWK 1180 SSWK 1280 SSWK 1281	SSWK 2102	
STUDENTS MUST SELECT ONE OF THE BELOW SPECIALIZATIONS					
OPTION A - SPECIALIZATION IN ADDICTIONS & MENTAL HEALTH					
Special Populations: Introduction to Addictions and Mental Health	Online - Specialization 1	SOCI 2183	N/A	SOCI 2103	

Course Name	Course Codes		Pre-requisite(s)*	Day School Equivalent	Completion Date and Mark
Special Populations: Addictions and Mental Health Applied	Online - Specialization 1	SOCI 2283	SOCI 2183	SOCI 2203	
OPTION B - SPECIALIZATION IN GERONTOLOGY					
Special Populations: Introduction to Gerontology	Online - Specialization 2	SOCI 2184	N/A	SOCI 2104	
Special Populations: Gerontology Applied	Online - Specialization 2	SOCI 2284	SOCI 2184	SOCI 2204	
Abnormal Psychology	Online	PSYC 2286	PSYC 1189	PSYC 2206	
Social Justice	Online	SOCI 2282	SOCI 2182	SOCI 2202	
SSW Field Placement III and Seminar	Online	SSWK 2280	PHRM 2182 PSYC 1287 SSWK 2181 SSWK 2182	SSWK 2200	
General Education Elective Courses <u>3 required</u> (including 1 mandatory First Nations, Métis, and Inuit General Education Elective)	Please view the <u>General Education Elective Course List</u> for this program. It is strongly recommended that students complete the mandatory First Nations, Métis, and Inuit General Education Elective before they complete Field Placement & Seminar 1.				
*Courses without a pre-requisite(s) can be taken at anytime during your Program of Study					