

Ontario College Certificate**1 year****Starts September & February* (*Cornwall only)****PROGRAM OUTLINE****Semester 1 – 15 weeks****(5 Theory courses + 1 Clinical course)**

COMH 150	Computer Literacy (30h)
PSWO 1000	Foundational Concepts & Principles of PSW Practice (60h)
PSWO 1100	Human Body Structure, Function & Maintenance (45h)
PSWO 1200	Developmental Psychology for the PSW (45h)
PSWO 1300	Communication & Interpersonal Skills for the PSW (30h)
PSWO 1400	PSW Supervised Clinical Practice I (120h)

Semester 2 – 19 weeks**(4 Theory courses + 3 Clinical courses)**

PSWO 2000	Common Health Challenges & Care Needs (45h)
PSWO 2100	Mental Health & Dementia Care (45h)
PSWO 2200	Developmental Health (30h)
PSWO 2300	Palliative Care (30h)
PSWO 2400	PSW Supervised Clinical Practice II (108h)
PSWO 2500	PSW Facility Practice Consolidation (113h)
PSWO 2600	Community Practice (96h)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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This 34 week Ontario College Certificate Program prepares students to provide personal care and support services to individuals and families. Responsibilities of the Personal Support Worker may include assisting with home management; facilitating social and recreational activities and promoting health and well-being with clients from all ages of the lifespan. The program has been developed to meet the standards published by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. These standards reflect the increased pre-employment education and training required by Personal Support Worker graduates entering the increasingly diverse health and social care environment.

Personal Support Workers are unregulated health care providers. They work as a member of the care and support team under the supervision of a regulated health professional or supervisor, or in the supported independent living environment, under the direction of the client.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Ontario College Certificate Personal Support Worker graduates may be employed in a variety of health and social care/support settings, for example:

- Long Term Care Facilities, e.g. nursing homes and retirement homes
- Hospitals
- Home Care
- Community based group residences
- Adult Day Centres

FEES

2011-12 tuition fees: \$2423.34; International \$11,409.36. Compulsory fees vary by campus: Brockville: \$640.15; International, \$1243.15. Cornwall \$619.15; International, \$1222.15. All fees are subject to change in 2012-13.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent. The majority of Grade 11 and 12 courses must be college or university preparation level.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Current CPR (Basic Rescuer Level C) and Emergency First Aid (both certifications must remain current for the duration of the program).
- Students are not permitted to attend clinical practice if immunization, CPR, First Aid, and security clearance requirements are outstanding.

FIELD PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for obtaining this clearance prior to commencing clinical practice (fee may apply). Individuals who have a criminal record are strongly advised to obtain a pardon before applying to the program. Clinical placement agencies require evidence of a clear police check as a condition for entry into clinical placement.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

This program has specific health and immunization requirements. Please refer to program page at www.stlawrencecollege.ca for complete details.

Criminal Background Check: Applicants are advised that Criminal Background Checks (CBC) conducted by the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) are required for programs with field or clinical placements. Certain criminal convictions may prevent participation in placements and program completion may not be possible. Attaining and paying for a CBC and Vulnerable Sector Screening (OPP) is the responsibility of the student, and these may have to be renewed every three to six months. Applicants with criminal records are advised to contact the Associate Dean/Campus Dean of the respective school prior to applying.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our program is taught by experienced Registered Nurses in top-notch, fully equipped facilities. Field placements offer a variety of settings and opportunities to learn and gain experience in preparation for employment. All placements are secured and arranged by the college and supervised by highly qualified health care professionals. Our program offers more hours and longer placements within the clinical setting with more than half of this 798-hour program involving clinical practice.

Graduates of the St. Lawrence College Personal Support Worker Program with a grade point average of at least 2 will receive 10 bonus points upon application to selected St. Lawrence Health Sciences and Community Services Programs. In addition, some St. Lawrence Personal Support Worker courses may be eligible for transfer credit in other related St. Lawrence College programs and those offered at community colleges throughout Ontario.

Published results of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) show 95.5% of employers were satisfied with the quality of the educational preparation of our graduates (April 2011).

“Our experience has been that St. Lawrence grads of the Personal Support Worker program come very prepared for our work environment. With our new partnership we know that new grads will be critical to our operation.”

Marilyn Benn, Administrator, Extendicare Inc.