

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER

2-YEAR
DIPLOMA

Make a meaningful difference in the lives of others while you promote social well-being and long-lasting change. The skills you learn in this diploma program will help people and communities address social issues.

Why should you choose a career as a Social Service Worker?

- 1 Make a difference**
Work with individuals, groups and communities to develop strategies and programs to proactively address social challenges, including poverty, addiction, abuse and mental health issues. This program, with an Indigenous focus, will prepare you with the knowledge and skills to make a meaningful contribution.
- 2 Real-world experience**
Gain practical skills and knowledge in counselling and interviewing, professional communication and proposal writing while also learning more about Indigenous cultures through hands-on activities and field trips. Through your placements you will explore roles in community health, education and institutional environments.
- 3 A career that makes a difference**
This program is ideal for students who are committed to addressing social issues, who have effective interpersonal skills, and who understand the importance of meaningful communication with clients and community partners.
- 4 You are needed**
Work on the front lines of social services for provincial, municipal and private agencies. Gain experience in community health centres, justice services, long-term care facilities, social service departments, schools, youth centres, outreach services, addiction centres and mental health services.

FULL-TIME, ON-CAMPUS TIMELINE:



Program delivery options:



Victoria Avenue East Campus

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates may find employment in a wide variety of community programs such as a case worker with social services, the regional health authority, provincial corrections, probation services, or community-based assistance programs. Community-based programs may include: drop-in centres, crisis centres, food banks, homeless shelters, group homes, and mental health settings.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A complete Manitoba Grade 12 or equivalent
- English 40G/40S or equivalent with a minimum mark of 60%
- Current criminal record check
- Current child abuse registry check
- Current adult abuse registry check

This is a competitive entry program. Early application is strongly recommended. To view the competitive entry requirements for this program, please visit the program page at assiniboine.net/ssw.

English is the language of instruction at Assiniboine. All applicants educated outside of Canada or in a country not on the test exempt list are expected to meet the English language proficiency requirement. See assiniboine.net/elp for more information.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK/ ABUSE REGISTRY CHECKS

Many agencies where students are placed for practicum experience require students to disclose convictions for any offenses. In some instances, applicants with a criminal record or listed on the Child Abuse Registry and/or Adult Abuse Registry may be unable to complete the program. If you fall into one of these categories, please contact the School of Health & Human Services prior to applying.

UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- Emphasis on applied learning
- Engagement with Indigenous culture

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a Social Service Worker diploma, students must successfully complete 123 academic credits and 12 practical credits.

The minimum passing grade for each course is indicated on the course outline.

NEXT STEPS

Apply now! Visit assiniboine.net/applynow. For more information on this program, visit assiniboine.net/ssw.

CONNECTIONS

Assiniboine has a number of agreements with other colleges, universities and professional organizations, making it possible for students to apply credit taken at Assiniboine to programs at other institutions. For up-to-date information on agreements, visit assiniboine.net/registrar or the program page.

PROGRAM FEES (DOMESTIC ONLY)

Tuition, fees and Students' Association fees total approximately **\$4,020** for year one and **\$4,130** for year two.

Estimated costs for books and supplies are **\$2,370** for year one and **\$2,070** for year two.

All fees are estimated and subject to change without notice.

COURSES 2020-21

| NUMBER | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| YEAR ONE | | |
| ABOR-0019 | Aboriginal Studies | 6 |
| PRAC-0240 | Applied/Field Practice 1 | 4 |
| LAWG-0070 | Canadian Governments | 3 |
| COMM-0337 | College Writing | 6 |
| PSSY-0086 | Community Development | 3 |
| COMP-0353 | Computer Skills | 3 |
| PSSY-0087 | Contemporary Issues | 6 |
| PSSY-0070 | Counselling and Interviewing | 3 |
| PSSY-0011 | Cross-Cultural Awareness | 3 |
| COMM-0032 | Group Processes and Dynamics | 3 |
| HRMG-0013 | Negotiation Theory & Practice | 3 |
| PSSY-0090 | Organizational Behaviour | 6 |
| COMM-0110 | Presentation Skills & Graphics | 3 |
| COMM-0338 | Professional Communications | 6 |
| LAWG-0084 | Self Government | 3 |
| PSSY-0091 | Social Service Foundations | 3 |
| PSSY-0071 | Sociology | 3 |
| YEAR TWO | | |
| PRAC-0241 | Applied/Field Practice 2 | 8 |
| PSSY-0012 | Conflict Resolution | 3 |
| PSSY-0014 | Counselling | 6 |
| PSSY-0015 | Family Systems | 3 |
| ECON-0010 | Health, Recreation & Housing | 3 |
| HLTH-0007 | Human Growth & Development | 3 |
| LAWG-0006 | Justice System | 3 |
| HLTH-0182 | Mental Health | 3 |
| PEDV-0279 | Professional Practice | 6 |
| BUSN-0156 | Project Planning & Evaluation | 6 |
| COMM-0204 | Proposal Writing and Research | 3 |
| PSSY-0026 | Psychology | 3 |
| PSSY-0092 | Social Welfare in Canada | 3 |
| PSSY-0088 | Social Welfare Policy | 6 |
| PSSY-0093 | Understanding Addictions | 3 |
| PSSY-0089 | Violence & Reconciliation | 6 |

Note: Timelines, applicable industry experience, and teaching methodology will depend on program delivery choice; program information sheets subject to change without notice. Visit assiniboine.net for the most up-to-date information.