

# 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:

<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Year 1 fall term begins	<b>JANUARY</b> Winter term begins	<b>MAY</b> Work placement	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Year 2 fall term begins	<b>JANUARY</b> Winter term begins	<b>MAY</b> Work placement	<b>JUNE</b> Graduation
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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](http://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](http://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](http://assiniboine.net/applynow). For more information on this program, visit [assiniboine.net/ssw](http://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](http://assiniboine.net/registrar) or the program page.

## PROGRAM FEES (DOMESTIC ONLY)

Tuition, fees and Students' Association fees total approximately **\$4,260** for year one and **\$4,380** for year two.

Estimated costs for books and supplies are **\$1,590** for year one and **\$1,790** for year two.

*All fees are estimated and subject to change without notice.*

## COURSES 2020-21

NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<b>YEAR ONE</b>		
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
<b>YEAR TWO</b>		
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](http://assiniboine.net) for the most up-to-date information.*