

Information for Personal Support Worker Students

We are pleased to welcome you as a student in the Personal Support Worker program. The following information is provided to assist you in completing arrangements to enter your program.

1. Pre-Placement Health Form, Vulnerable Sector Police Check, and First Aid/CPR Level HCP

- You need to have your completed requirements submitted to ParaMed prior to the start of the program or prior to the clinical. *You should begin this process as soon as possible, since it may take several weeks or longer to complete it.* The forms are available online.

Note: Students are advised that Vulnerable Sector Police Check forms must be current (no older than 6 months). Students may be required to obtain an updated form at their own expense while in the program.

2. Textbooks and Supplies

-A list of required textbooks is available in the college store, London F1002 (F building) as well in the other campuses' front office. The book list can also be accessed at the following website address: <http://fanshawe.bookware3000.ca> Students may purchase all of their textbooks in a shrink-wrapped package at a reduced cost. All textbooks must be purchased on or before the start date of classes.

-Students who have paid their Registration deposit fee or their term tuition in full or part are eligible to receive the following supplies at no further cost. These items are non-returnable. The items which will be distributed to all registered full-time students by the first week of classes include:

- i. Lab Kit bags
- ii. PSW6 Curriculum Package
- iii. Name Bar

3. Uniforms

Should be purchased prior to the start date of classes

- a) All students- scrubs will be sold through Fanshawe College's Bookstore (please see the link: <http://fanshawe.bookware3000.ca/>). **No other uniforms (scrubs) will be permitted without prior approval by the program coordinator.** Permitted colours and uniform policies will be discussed on Orientation day.
- b) Shoes can be either leather *duty* or *running* shoes. They must be all-white with no visible logos. **No** canvas, open toes, open heels, platform heels, or ankle straps will be permitted.
- c) Several pairs of **white** socks or hose. Socks should cover the ankle.
- d) Watch with a second hand.

Important: refer to the PSW Program Manual for further information on the dress code.

4. General Information

- a) Students are expected to arrange transportation and parking to and from their clinical placement at their own expense.
- b) At Program Orientation (first semester) you will receive your timetable, program information, registration forms, student handbooks, ID, and other pertinent information.
- c) The policy in the School of Nursing is no artificial nails or visible body piercing except one plain stud worn in the earlobe.

We look forward to welcoming you as a Fanshawe College student. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact the Personal Support Worker program at your campus. It is very important that you attend our scheduled Orientation so that you can receive any pertinent instructions and handouts!