

Researching and Choosing a School

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This section is to help you determine what school best suits your learning style and training needs. It is your responsibility to investigate all of the available courses in your chosen field. If available, gather the information from a minimum of three schools and indicate which one you have chosen.

These questions will help you make the best choice when researching a training provider.

School Description

School: Fanshawe College

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- Is this school registered as a Private Career College in Ontario? **No**
- If no, please explain: **Publicly funded college**
- Is this course eligible for OSAP funding? **Yes**
- Is this training provider certified to give T2202A tuition tax receipts? **Yes**

Program/Certificate Information

Program Name: Social Service Worker (Fast Track)

This is a Ten-Month Ontario College Diploma Program.

This course is offered full time.

The Social Service Worker (Fast Track) program provides an opportunity for university graduates (Psychology, Sociology or Social Work related) and community college diploma graduates (Human Services) to complete the requirements for graduation from the Social Service Worker program in 3 semesters (ten months). Graduates from the Social Service Worker program are eligible for admission to The Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and must be members of this regulating body to use the professional title "Registered Social Service Worker".

Program Eligibility Criteria

Admission Requirements for 2017/2018

- An Ontario College Diploma in Human Services with a minimum 2.0 GPA

OR

- A University Degree in Psychology, Sociology, or a related Social Sciences area

English Language Requirements

Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to demonstrate proficiency in English by one of the following methods:

- A Grade 12 College Stream or University Stream English credit from an Ontario Secondary School, or equivalent, depending on the program's Admission Requirements
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test with a minimum score of 550 for the paper-based test (PBT), or 79 for the Internet-based test (iBT), with test results within the last two years
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test with an overall score of 6.0 with no score less than 5.5 in any of the four bands, with test results within the last two years
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) test with an overall score of 60 with no score less than 50 in any of the four bands, with test results within the last two years
- An English Language Evaluation (ELE) at Fanshawe College with a minimum score of 70% in all sections of the test, with test results within the last two years
- Fanshawe College ESL4/GAP5 students: Minimum grade of 80% in ESL4/GAP5 Level 8, 75% in ESL4/GAP5 Level 9, or 70% in ESL4/GAP5 Level 10

Applicant Selection Criteria

Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available spaces in the program, the Applicant Selection Criteria will be:

1. Preference for Permanent Residents of Ontario
2. Receipt of Application by February 1st (After this date, Fanshawe College will consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is full)

3. Achievement in the Admission Requirements

Post-Admission Requirements

The following items are applicable to the program and are time sensitive. Please refer to www.fanshawec.ca/preplacement for important information about preparing for placement by the due date.

- Possession of a Standard First Aid course certificate (either St. John Ambulance or Canadian Red Cross or equivalent) and a Basic Rescuer course certificate (Level "C" CPR)
- Evidence of Good Health
- Police Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening, including a check of the Pardoned Sexual Offenders Database
- Placement Agreement

Other Information

- Social Service Worker is a registered professional title which may only legally be used by members in good standing of The Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Graduates of the Social Service Worker program will be required by law to join the College after graduation in order to use this professional title. Further information may be accessed at www.ocswssw.org.
- Students who graduate from this program and wish to transfer to another Human Services program at Fanshawe College may qualify for some internal credits that have already been achieved.

Course Details

- London Campus
- Program start date: **September 2017**
- Program end date: **June 2018**
- Is this start date flexible? **No**
- Program length (# Weeks): **10 months**
- Number of hours per week: **29 to 39 hours depending on level**
- Schedule of hours: **Monday to Friday with varying hours/shifts if on field placement**

Cost of Training Course/Program:

Cost of training course/program (Based on 2017/2018 Tuition Fees):

Item	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Tuition/Fees	\$2,083.40	\$2,083.40	\$779.74
Books	\$802.00	\$546.00	\$0
<i>Expendable Supplies:</i>			
Academic supplies	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
<i>Other Expenses:</i>			
Criminal reference check, First Aid/CPR, physical exam and related field placement costs for Paramed requirements	\$200.00	\$0	\$0
Transportation during field placements	\$0	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>Optional Expenses (not included above)</i>			
Standardized patient/client simulation	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0
<i>Other:</i>			
OCAS application fee	\$95.00	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$3,350.40	\$2,849.40	\$929.74

Total Cost: \$7,129.54

Note: Tuition fees are billed per term. A \$500.00 non-refundable deposit will be required once per academic year. Making your deposit by the due date will confirm and secure your spot and registration in the program. The balance of fees will be due by the 10th day of class for standard start date programs. A \$150.00 late fee will apply should fees not be paid in full by the 10th day of class.

Admission related fees, when applicable:

English Language Evaluation Test (ELE) - **\$60.00**

- For applicants for whom English is not their first language.

Subject Challenge Exams - **\$75.00**

- Challenge Exams are used for admissions purposes:

- When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not have proof of a grade (i.e., English, Math, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics). The challenge exam shows that the individual has the skill set that meets the minimum grade requirement.
 - When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not meet the minimum grade requirement.
- ***Challenge exams cannot be used in lieu of a subject requirement when prior learning has not been completed.***

Evaluating the School/Follow-up Questions

1. Did you meet the instructor or instructors prior to selecting this school? Please explain.

2. Have you contacted local employers to see if the training is acceptable to them?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Does this school have a solid reputation in the community?

Yes. Fanshawe College is one of 24 publicly funded Community Colleges in Ontario and is one of the largest colleges in Ontario.

4. Are the standards and licenses recognized by Governments and Occupational Associations?

Yes.

Questions to Ask the School

Answers have been already provided for you to the questions listed below.

1. What are the methods of instruction and time spent on each?

- Lectures and Teacher-led: **50%**
- Teacher-led: **0%**
- Hands-on practice: **20%**
- Self-paced: **0%**
- Demonstrations: **10%**
- Technology-based instruction: **20%**

2. What certification will you get upon completion of this course?

Ontario College Diploma.

3. Please explain how your progress will be monitored and reported (method and frequency).

Frequent testing and assignment with final examinations in most courses.

4. How many hours of home study are expected per week?

Two hours for every class hour. More difficult courses – minimum three hours per every class hour. Nineteen class hours first semester.

5. Are detailed course descriptions available to prospective students? If YES, obtain copies and include with Training Research Guide.

Yes.

6. What resources are available if you require additional help while in training?

Fanshawe College offers a wide range of student services to support your success at college:

- English and Math tutoring
- Peer Tutors to assist students having difficulty in a specific course
- Study skills workshops and tutoring offered throughout the year for learners who need to brush up on academic skills
- Personal, academic and career counselling is available to all students

- Specialized support services for mature students
- A full range of services and academic accommodations to support the success of students with disabilities
- Help with job finding strategies, résumé and cover letter assistance, and job interview skills. A job bank lists full-time and part-time opportunities

In addition, the following services are available to all students:

- A full-service Library/Resource Centre, including a Virtual Library for easy 24/7 access and media loans
- Financial Aid Office, including bursary assistance
- Awards and Scholarships

7. What percent of students who are enrolled in the course successfully complete it?

77% (2007/2008).

8. What academic counseling is available prior to starting school and during the training period?

Staff offers pre-admission planning and academic advice and information for those considering admission to Fanshawe College.

Fanshawe College has a Student Success Advisor in every school and campus who is dedicated to helping students achieve academic success. Student Success Advisors can discuss program progression as well as helping students connect with tutoring, study skills workshops and other academic supports. In addition, due to their close ties with faculty they are notified about students experiencing academic challenges early in the program.

9. How does the school accommodate the needs of adult learners?

The College has considerable experience with adult learners and has specialists available to assist learners with study skills, success strategies, learning and other disabilities. Program coordinators are familiar with the needs of adult learners and will provide assistance to students on a one to one basis.

10. What are the qualifications of the instructor(s)?

Varies from Diploma, Undergrad Degree, Masters.

11. Do students have the opportunity to evaluate the instructor and the course?

Yes. Instructional feedback surveys are completed for each course.

12. Does the institution have publicized policies dealing with human rights issues?

Yes.

13. Are you allowed to audit a few classes?

Yes.

14. Will the school provide references (e.g., signed release forms, past graduates and/or current students)? If not, why?

Yes.

15. Will there be a practicum or work placement?

Yes. Second year, 300 hours for two semesters, totaling 600 hours of unpaid placement.

16. How does the institution support continuing education/upgrading for graduates in this field of work?

Fanshawe College offers Continuing Education courses for anyone requiring upgrading of skills. Fanshawe also provides custom training to employers on an as requested basis.

17. How does the institution make an effort to place its graduates in jobs after completion of the program?

Students at Fanshawe have access to career services that in addition to hosting a job bank can also provide them with job finding strategies as well as resume and cover letter assistance. The college also offers services through its Job Connect program- a comprehensive employment service that assists graduates in finding employment after they leave Fanshawe.

18. What percentage of graduates from this training find work in a field related to their training?

65% working related, 88% working.

19. List employers who hire graduates from this course.

St. Leonard's Society, Centre of Hope, Merrymount Children's Centre, Youth Action Centre, Western Area Youth Services, LUSO, London Unemployment Help Centre, City of London Ontario Works program and many more.

20. How will the credentials you receive be recognized by the industry/employer/sector?

The employers are very aware of the Social Service Worker diploma and hire many graduates. The graduates are eligible to join the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers when they complete the program. Employers are 100% satisfied according to our program KPIs.