



CREENTIAL	PROGRAM CODE	AREA OF INTEREST	LOCATION	DURATION
Ontario College Certificate	Fall: 0630   Winter: 0620 Part-Time: 0631	Health	Distance Education, Dryden, Fort Frances, Greenstone Campus, Kenora, Marathon, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Thunder Bay	1 -year

**Overview**

Feel you have the care, compassion and drive to help people?

Personal Support Workers (PSW) are important members of the health care team who assist persons with the tasks of daily living such as home management, personal care, family responsibilities, and social and recreational activities through a holistic approach. As a PSW, you will work with nurses and other health care professionals, assisting them with patient care. The PSW is also a vital part of community health care – and often the person who really makes someone’s day when they need a smile the most.

Confederation College’s Personal Support Worker one-year certificate program will give you the skills you need to get into the workforce faster. During this program, you’ll take courses in supportive care, professional growth, helping relationships and assisting clients across the lifespan.



**Top Highlights**

- Program includes in-the-field training to obtain the hands-on, practical experience you need
- Meets all guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Allows you to launch your career in health care in just one year



**Employment Opportunities**

Graduates may find employment in private agencies, retirement homes, home-care settings, nursing homes, hospices or long-term care facilities.



**Experiential Learning**

Labs, Placement



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# Personal Support Worker

## Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

## Alternative Pathways

If you do not meet these admission requirements, we encourage you to consider the College Access or General Arts and Science Certificate or General Arts and Science Diploma programs or Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE); if you successfully complete one of these programs, you will be eligible to apply to programs in the Community Services area.

## Program Considerations

This program demands physical capabilities to facilitate the lifting and supporting of patients, maneuvering hospital equipment and fine motor skills for completion of technical tasks.

## Mandatory Fieldwork/Placement Requirements

- Prior to entering any clinical setting you **MUST HAVE** all of your field requirements completed.
- If your field requirements are not completed prior to starting your placement, you will not be allowed to begin placement. To avoid disappointment, the process of getting your requirements completed should be done prior to the beginning of semester.
- Visit [confederationcollege.ca/program/personal-support-worker/as-a-student](https://confederationcollege.ca/program/personal-support-worker/as-a-student) for a full list of requirements.

## First Semester

PW 101 Supportive Care Theory I  
CS 050 College Writing  
PN 128 Therapeutic Nurse Client Relationships  
PW 100 Fundamental Skills for PSW Practice  
PW 110 Fundamental Knowledge of PSW Practice  
PW 120 PSW Roles & Responsibilities  
PW 130 Anatomy & Physiology

## Second Semester

PW 200 PSW Clinical Practice I3  
PW 208 PSW Clinical Preceptorship  
PW 220 Advanced Fundamental Knowledge of PSW Practice  
PW 233 PSW Care Across the Lifespan



**Have questions? Want to apply?**  
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