

PAID & VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE

Social Service Worker diploma

Social Service Worker diploma – Indigenous Focus

Demonstrated ability to work effectively in social services is required. The ability to work in culturally safe ways with Indigenous peoples is required when applying to the Social Service Worker diploma – Indigenous Focus. Evidence of this may include volunteer and/or paid work in social service settings.

Applicants to a Human Services program are not required to have completed a minimum number of hours of related experience before applying. Related experience will be evaluated independently by faculty members who serve on the Human Services Admissions Committee.

Include in your application human services-related paid or volunteer work experience. You may also want to ask your supervisor for a letter of reference. Examples of related paid or volunteer work experience include:

Adult day centres	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Children’s services
Community living services	Community services agencies	Corrections
Day and summer camps	Foodbanks	Healthcare societies
Homeless shelters	Hospices	Hospitals
Housing programs	Indigenous agencies and communities	LGBTQ services
Long-term care facilities	Salvation Army	Schools
Special Olympics	Transition houses	Women’s services

Examples of paid or volunteer work experience that are **NOT** related include clerical work, manual labour, restaurants, and retail sales.