

Social Service Worker – Indigenous Specialization



Be That Helping Hand

Do you feel rooted in your community and want to help those around you? The Social Service Worker – Indigenous Specialization program through Oshki-Wenjack gives you the knowledge and experience to support individuals, families, and entire communities. We help you develop your skills to address the social, cultural, and political issues that affect the lives of your clients. You will help people overcome barriers to health care, social services, legal services, and other services to connect them with the supports they need. This program in partnership with Sault College mixes classroom courses with field placements for a holistic, Indigenous approach to social services. Graduates can register with the College of Social Work and Social Service Workers.



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Program:

2 Years (5 semesters)

Academic Requirements:

- Grade 12 Diploma <u>or</u> mature student test <u>or</u> College Access graduate
- Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (2 doses)

Courses:

First Semester

CMM 110	College Communication Skills
HDG 122	Personal and Academic Success Strategies
NSW 101	Foundations for Balanced Practice
NSW 105	Fieldwork Placement 1A
NSW 106	Fieldwork Seminar 1A
SSW 126	Trauma Informed Care
PSY 120	Lifespan Development

Second Semester

NSW 104	Canadian Social Welfare and
	Indigenous Social Policies
NSW 111	Human Behaviour and Social Environment
NSW 114	Understanding Indigenous Wellness in Canada
NSW 116	Fieldwork Seminar 1B
NSW 120	Fieldwork Placement 1B
NSW 125	Working with Families

Third Semester

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NSW 100	Addictions: Individuals, Family and Community	
NSW 107	The Parallel Worlds of Mental Health	
NSW 203	Essential Skills for Social Services	
NSW 250	Fieldwork Placement 2A	
NSW 253	Fieldwork Seminar 2A	
NSW 217	Groups for Multi-Cultural Practices I	

Fourth Semester

CMM 235	SSW Documentation and Record Keeping
NSW 214	Incorporating Indigenous Healing
	Methods into Practice
NSW 227	Groups for Multi-Cultural Practices II
NSW 251	Fieldwork Placement 2B
NSW 254	Fieldwork Seminar 2B
NSW 136	Mino Bimaadiziwin

Fifth Semester

NSW 102	Capacity Building for Communities
NSW 221	Crisis Intervention
NSW 252	Fieldwork Placement 2C
NSW 255	Fieldwork Seminar 2C
NSW 135	Anishinaabemowin

Employment Opportunities:

Graduates may find employment in:

- Social service agencies including Indigenous organizations
- Foster and group homes
- Clinics and hospitals
- Social service programs
- Long-term care homes
- Non-profit organizations

Are You Looking for a New Pathway?

Oshki-Wenjack provides college, university and trades programs to Nishnawbe Aski Nation and other learners in a safe, inclusive, supportive and culturally enriched learning environment. Most programs blend some in-person learning in Thunder Bay with more online learning in your home community. Personalized supports help improve student learning – and student success.

The Oshki-Wenjack campus is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The campus includes a cultural room, kitchen amenities, a computer lab and a variety of additional student supports. It is centrally located in the downtown south core Fort William Business District and is close to bus transportation.

For information, please contact our Recruitment Office:

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