Considering a career in community services?

These courses can be applied to programs in our School of Community Studies.

You can take any of the courses listed in the table below through Open Studies before you are admitted to or waitlisted for a post-secondary program. Taking courses through Open Studies will also help lighten your workload and will prepare you for the program of your choice. You can also gain transfer credit at other post-secondary institutions for many of these courses.

Once you are admitted to your post-secondary program, the course credits will be transferred to your program.
**Course transferability subject to curriculum changes.

M – Mandatory course: This course is required in this program to qualify for program completion and graduation.
E – Elective course: This course is used to fulfill an elective requirement. Electives offer opportunities to expand knowledge, develop critical thinking skills, and make connections between different areas of study. Not all programs have elective requirements.

Courses are subject to availability each term. Registration for these courses is completed online at *bowvalleycollege.ca/programs/open-studies*

Upcoming registration dates for Open Studies courses are:
November 9, 2026, for classes beginning January 2027
March 8, 2027, for classes beginning May 2027
July 5, 2027, for classes beginning September 2027

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COMM1101	Interpersonal Relationships and Communication Skills	M	M	M	M	M	
DAST1101	Introduction to Disability Studies			M			
DAST1201	Person Centred Planning			M			
ELCC1101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Development			E	M		
ELCC1301	Child Development			E	M		
ELCC1305	Developing Through Play			E	M		
ENGL1201	English Composition	M	M	M	M	M	M
HMSV1105	Health, Wellness, and Professional Practice in Canada's Health Care System			E			M
INDG1101	Introduction to Indigenous Studies *(formerly known as Aboriginal History, Identity, and Culture)*	M	M	E	M	M	M
POSC1201	Canadian Politics Institutions and Issues					M	M
PSYC1101	Introduction to Psychology	M				M	M
PSYC1201	Human Growth and Development Across the Life Span			M			M
PSYC1202	Child and Adolescent Development		M				
PSYC2401	Psychopathology						M
SOCI1101	Introduction to Sociology					M	E

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SOCI1201	Sociology of the Family		M		M		
SOCI1301	Sociology of Aging			E			E