

FACULTY OF APPLIED HEALTH & COMMUNITY STUDIES

Educational Support

Sheridan's two-year Educational Support diploma program prepares you to work in a school setting supporting students with special needs.

94%

Employer Satisfaction*
with the knowledge and skills that our graduates possess.

Ontario College Diploma

Program Code: PCESD

Full-time | Trafalgar Road Campus | 2 yrs (4 semesters)

Ontario College Diploma

Program Code: PCESP



Help students with special needs achieve academic and social success.

Outstanding career preparation

This program will equip you with competencies to support students with diverse learning needs while maintaining a safe and professional environment that promotes students' well-being.

Things you'll do and learn

- Support students with academic, behavioural, and personal care needs in educational settings from kindergarten through high school
- Use Universal Design for Learning principles
- Foster social inclusion
- Work as part of the special education team
- Accurately report information related to student learning

Field placements

In Terms 2, 3 and 4, you'll be placed in a school where you'll support students with special needs in the classroom. Sheridan arranges the field placement experience for you. During your placement, you'll encounter students with a range of exceptionalities including physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities, behaviour disorders, visual and hearing impairments, autism and learning disabilities.

Admission Requirements

Program Eligibility

Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, including these required courses:

- One English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or ENG4U).

or

Mature student status.

Note: The Educational Assistant student must have the energy and stamina to respond to the physical demands associated with the role of the assistant.

Applicant Selection

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of previous academic achievement (their six highest senior-level credits, including required courses.)

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements for this program will be assessed and advised individually and may be considered for other, related programs.

Criminal Record Check and Immunization Requirements

Field placement agencies will ask students to submit a police record check. This includes a vulnerable sector screen. Field placement agencies may also request a current record of immunization. This may include COVID-19 vaccines.

Students will submit these records directly to their field placement agencies before they begin placement, and at their own expense.

Students who cannot meet these requirements may have limited field placement opportunities. This may impact their progression in or completion of the program.

English Language Proficiency

All applicants whose first language is not English must meet Sheridan's English proficiency requirements.

Refer to the website for full admission requirements.

Career Opportunities

When you complete your Educational Support diploma program, you'll be ready to seek employment in a public or private school supporting learners with special needs, or in a social-or health-based program with a special education component.

Courses

SOME OF THE COURSES YOU CAN EXPECT TO TAKE IN YOUR PROGRAM

Assessment in Education

Assistive Technology

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Intellectual, Sensory and Learning Disabilities

Physical Exceptionalities and Personal Care

Positive Behaviour Strategies

Note: See website for specific terms and course listings.

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