



Ashton

# DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WORKER DIPLOMA PROGRAM

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LEARN HOW TO HELP YOUR  
CLIENTS ACHIEVE  
INDEPENDENCE AND THRIVE

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# OVERVIEW

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- IDENTIFY CRITICAL QUESTIONS TO GAIN MEANINGFUL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT SOMEONE WITH A SPECIFIC DISABILITY
- UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS AND ISSUES SPECIFIC TO THE MOST PREVALENT DISABILITIES
- CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH INTO A SPECIFIC DISABILITY TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE
- ANALYZE CASES RELATED TO DISABILITIES USING COLLABORATIVE AND COOPERATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES
- DEVELOP AWARENESS OF HOW OUR OWN PERCEPTIONS AFFECT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF DISABILITIES



# WHY APPLY?

Developmental Services Worker/Personal Support Worker students will learn how to provide personal support to clients enabling them to achieve the highest degree of independence and quality of life possible.

**Suited for anyone who wants to become a Personal Support Worker, Home Support Worker or Development Services Worker.**

**“NO SIGNIFICANT  
LEARNING OCCURS  
WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT  
RELATIONSHIP.”**

**— DR. JAMES P. COMER**





# PROGRAM

## COURSES & APPLICATION FEES

Build on your potential by gaining the necessary skills to thrive in your role as a developmental services worker.

Courses include:

**DSW 100: Introduction to Online Learning**

**DSW 101: Introduction to Developmental Disabilities**

**DSW 102: The Roles and Responsibilities of the Developmental Services Worker**

**DSW 103: Life Span Stages and Development**

**DSW 104: Introduction to Psychology and Abnormal Psychology**

**DSW 105: Introduction to Mental Health & Promoting Wellness**

**DSW 106: Principles of Behaviour Management**

**DSW 107: Alternative and Augmentative Communication & Assistive Technologies**

**DSW 108: Dual Diagnosis**

**DSW 109: Fundamentals of Pharmacology and Medication Support**

**DSW 110: Supporting Independence of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)**

**DSW 111: Person-Centred Planning**

**DSW 112: Career Planning and Preparation**

**DSW 113: Field Practicum**

Application Fee: \$40 (Domestic) or \$140 (International)

Tuition Fee: \$6,730 (Domestic) or \$8,412 (International)

## PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS



**BETSY BRUYERE**

Betsy Bruyere is a Survivor of the Canadian Residential School System who was confined for seven years, starting from age six. Betsy Bruyere returned to school as an adult student and graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Master's in Adult Education.



**CHARLYN COLLINS**

Charlyn began her career on her family farm in Southern Alberta and transitioned into social services and community support while completing her degree in Psychology. She has almost 15 years of experience in a wide variety of positions in the public and private sector.



**PAULA LEACH**

Paula Leach has a passion for education and supporting learners. She has a Master's Degree in Special Education and has worked as a special education teacher for nine years in schools across British Columbia and Saskatchewan.



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**VALERIA OSTARA**

Valerie Ostara's career started as a Youth Worker and has evolved into working as a Life Skills Coach, Special Education Teacher (Mental Health and Behavioural programs), counsellor, anxiety specialist, and Human Services instructor at schools across Alberta.



**LORRAINE REGISFORD**

Lorraine Regisford has a Master's of Education Degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration as well a Diploma in Community Development. With over 30 years of experience in Human Services, she has significant experience working within the public and private sectors. Her career has given her the opportunity to work with a variety of clients and within diverse communities.



**LYNNE RHEAD**

Lynne Rhead (BA, Psych.) worked in community support worker roles for over twenty years; later she became an educational assistant and a youth worker in a local school district. While achieving her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Lynne held adult instructor positions in colleges and nonprofits.

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**TODD SCHLEYER**

**Todd Schleyer (BA, Cognitive Behavioral Psychology) has worked as a District Behavioural Resource and SEL educator/facilitator to over 100 schools in his local school district. He has over 20 years of experience working with children and adults in the field of special education, community mental health and developmental disabilities.**



**MIKE VAN DER VLIST**

**Mike (he/him) holds his MBA in Innovation Leadership from the University of Fredericton, his BA in Psychology and BSc in General Sciences from Lakehead University and his Human Resources Management Certificate from Fanshawe College. Complimenting this he holds his C.I.M. (Certified in Management) designation, is a Certified Coach Practitioner, and has additional certificates and training in project management, online education, strategic management and economic development.**



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**FOUNDED IN 1998**, Ashton College is a leader in education, delivering innovative learning experiences. Our personalized, comprehensive programs and courses provide domestic and international students with career-focused education.

