

## WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WORKER?

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A **developmental services worker (DSW)** supports people who have a developmental disability by enhancing their capacity to function in community living settings and in society. DSWs are employed by organizations that support individuals with special needs including faith- and culture-based agencies and by school boards to assist in the classroom.<sup>1</sup>

## ALGONQUIN COLLEGE DSW APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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### PROGRAM CODE 0586X06FWO

The apprenticeship certificate program supports participants that are registered as DSWs with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

This program provides the 780 hours of in school training as set by the MTCU's apprenticeship training standards. The in-school training program consists of 12 reportable outcomes that are completed through a series of courses offered per semester.

Courses are delivered in a variety of formats including face to face in a classroom or lab, hybrid (combination of classroom and online learning) and online. Apprentices participate in all three types of learning and are expected to attend all classes. Apprentices may develop individual academic plans with the program coordinator based upon needs and goals of the apprentice and his/her employer. In this delivery option, an apprentice may choose any number of a select group of courses offered each semester. In this way the apprentice may complete the program at a slower or faster pace than stated above. Attention to course prerequisites is necessary when developing an academic plan.

For additional information, contact the Community Studies Department at 613-727-4723 ext. 7776.

Upon completion of the MTCU DSW apprenticeship certificate program, students have the option to earn their DSW Ontario College Diploma through Algonquin College by completing one semester of the two year program.

## ADVANCED STANDING AND EXEMPTIONS

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The apprentice may qualify for advanced standing based on work experience and previous courses completed. Students interested in advanced standing through Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) or course exemptions should talk with the program coordinator.

If eligible, apprentices should complete this process as soon as possible.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Registration for apprenticeship programs takes place through the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. For further information, please contact:

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities  
Employment and Training Division  
347 Preston Street  
Ottawa, ON K1S 3H8  
613-731-7100

<sup>1</sup> From *Employment Ontario brochure, Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship Program September 2008.*

# PROGRAM OF STUDY Student must pass each course to pass reportable outcome

SEMESTER ONE		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Developmental Disabilities	FAM1500 Developmental Disabilities	\$210
	FAM1512 Developmental Psychology	
Intervention Strategies	FAM1502 Principles of Learning and Behaviour	
SEMESTER TWO		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Intervention Strategies	FAM1503 Responding to Challenging Behaviour	\$150
Responding to Abuse	FAM1508 Aging and Persons with Developmental Disabilities**	
	FAM1519 Sexuality, Relationships and Persons with Disabilities***	
SEMESTER THREE		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Health and Wellness	FAM1501 Health and Well-Being I	\$180
	FAM1504 Health and Well-Being II	
Dual Diagnosis	FAM1513 Dual Diagnosis	
SEMESTER FOUR		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Health and Wellness	FAM1511 Persons Requiring Extensive/ Pervasive Support	\$170
	FAM1516 Residential Health Clinical Skills	
SEMESTER FIVE		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Pharmacology	FAM1505 Pharmacology	\$180
Philosophy of Support	FAM1506 Person Centred Planning	
Professionalism	FAM1520 Ethical Issues and Persons with Developmental Disabilities	
SEMESTER SIX		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Person Directed Plans	FAM1507 Applied Programming Procedures	\$200
Professionalism	FAM1514 Community Field Placement	
SEMESTER SEVEN		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Teaching Strategies	FAM1509 Paraprofessionals in Education	\$150
	FAM1510 Augmentative Communication	
Community Building	FAM1517 Employment and Developmental Disabilities****	
SEMESTER EIGHT		
Reportable Outcome	Course Title	Algonquin Fee*
Social Services	FAM1515 Current Topics in the Field of Developmental Disabilities	\$100
Community Building	FAM1518 Family Field Placement	

\* Fee is based on apprentice taking full course load per semester. A \$62 Information technology fee is applicable per term which will cover a network account, email and Internet access.

\*\* Will also cover 10 hours of Health and Wellness

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\*\*\*\* Will also cover 15 hours of Professionalism

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