PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER Certificate Program

Program Locations: Tytler Centre for Continuing Education, 131 Ontario, Guelph, ON

Length: Sep-Jun, 38 weeks, 25hrs/week

Program Accreditation and Standards: accredited as having met all professional educational requirements

Curriculum: anatomy, physiology, mobility, safety, hygiene, abuse, household management, care planning, cognition, mental health, managing ongoing conditions, assisting with medications, palliative care, interpersonal skills, career education

Clinical Practice: 330 hours

Instructional Staff: Instructor holds Ontario teaching and professional nursing qualifications and clinical instructors are registered with the College of Nurses

Job Success Rate: 85% job placements at private and public long-term care facilities and community care agencies

Wage Range: $15-$22/hr

Benefits: PSW, CPR and First Aid Certificate; Gentle Persuasive Approach Certificate (GPA); marketing skills; employer contacts; work experience; OSSD credits if required
Fees

Course Tuition Fee: $1400
includes CPR and First Aid Certification, GPA

Course Materials Fee: $350
includes materials, uniforms, books

*Payment installment plan available for 7 months

Financial assistance may be available to:
• Ontario Works (OW) recipients
• E.I. recipients or claimants
• WSIB recipients, ODSP recipients
• Persons with disabilities
• Status and non-status Native Canadians

Contact your caseworker or counsellor for eligibility requirements. Allow 4-5 weeks for funding approvals.

Program is not eligible for OSAP.

Registration: March through August (most spots filled by June)

To Register:
• Attend a scheduled information session (call 519-836-7280 or email psw@ugdsb.on.ca for dates)
• Complete an application form
• Attend an in-person interview and literacy assessment
• Place a non-refundable deposit of $150 if paying personally, or $50 if seeking agency funding. Deposit amounts will be deducted from total fees.

*Letters of conditional acceptance mailed late June

Prerequisites before start date:
• Students under 19 require an OSSD
• Adequate English literacy level (CLB6)
• Physician’s clearance for physical and mental wellness
• Acceptable Volunteer Vulnerable Sector Clearance Report
• Up-to-date immunization