

**“Starting the Developmental Services Worker program in January really worked well for me. One of my favourite parts was the small class sizes. We got to know each other and our instructors - and they knew us. The DSW program is awesome!”**

**Brittany Kristensen**

#### **APPROXIMATE COSTS (2013-2014)**

Regular Domestic Tuition/Ancillary Fees: \$3,659 (two semesters)  
Accelerated Domestic Tuition/Ancillary Fees: \$4,866 (three semesters)  
Books and Supplies: \$1,040  
Additional costs, such as travel and parking, may be incurred during placements

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

##### **Required Academic Preparation**

- OSSD/OSSGD or equivalent with courses at the general, advanced, (C), (U) or (M) level, and
  - Grade 12 English (C) level or equivalent
- OR
- Mature applicant (see [loyalistcollege.com](http://loyalistcollege.com))

##### **Additional Requirements**

- Standard First Aid and Level “B” or “C” CPR certification
- Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check
- A formal, confidential personal health history is required as part of the registration process
- For more information and additional requirements please see [loyalistcollege.com](http://loyalistcollege.com)

##### **Accelerated Program (DSWA)**

- Applicants with a university degree or college diploma in a related discipline are eligible to complete the DSW diploma in three semesters; see [loyalistcollege.com](http://loyalistcollege.com)

##### **DIPLOMA TO DEGREE OPTIONS**

Earn credit recognition at these institutions, or contact your university of choice to make individual arrangements. New agreements are added annually; visit [loyalistcollege.com](http://loyalistcollege.com) for the latest details.

Algoma University College  
Athabasca University – Bachelor of Professional Arts: Human Studies  
Carleton University – Bachelor of Arts  
Davenport University  
Griffith University  
Lakehead University – Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)  
Laurentian University  
Ryerson University – Disability Studies or Bachelor of Human Studies  
University of Guelph – Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Family and Community Social Services  
University of Ontario Institute of Technology  
University of Windsor – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Disability Studies

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## **DSWP DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WORKER**



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# DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WORKER

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## PROGRAM LENGTH

Two-Year Full-Time Ontario College Diploma

Accelerated Stream – three semesters

September and January Entry

Part-time students are required to complete the program within five years of first registration

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Establish a rewarding career working with children and adults with disabilities
- Graduates of Loyalist's DSW program are in extremely high demand
- Gain real-world experience in three field placements tailored to your individual interests
- Earn your diploma full time or part time
- Applicants with a related degree or diploma may be eligible to complete the accelerated program in three semesters

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Developmental services workers support people of all ages with disabilities, and work toward enhancing presence and participation in community life. Graduates find employment in careers such as:

- Residential counsellors and vocational coaches in community agencies
- Educational assistants in schools
- Activation directors and staff in long-term care facilities
- Staff positions with not-for-profit organizations
- Respite providers in families
- In-home support to help people maintain independence in their own homes

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Students learn to effectively support people with physical and/or developmental disabilities as valued members of the community
- You will develop the skills and knowledge to assist people with daily activities; help them learn relevant skills; facilitate greater inclusion in the community; advocate for change in attitudinal and physical barriers; and collaborate with people with disabilities to bring about full inclusion
- Faculty-supervised placements begin in the second semester and continue throughout the program, providing opportunities to immediately apply what you have learned in class, and engage in a problem-solving approach to learning
- Block placements are completed six hours per day, three to four days per week. Students may choose from a wide variety of placement options in consultation with faculty, including international placements, and placements in their home communities



Holly Hoekstra, Developmental Services Worker 2013

## OUR GRADS GET GREAT JOBS

Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board – Educational Assistant  
CARE Canada – Human Resources  
Community Living – Support Worker  
CHAP (Community Helpers for Active Participation) – Respite Worker

Percentage of 2011-12 grads working:\* 98%  
Average starting salary:† \$35,000 - \$39,999

\*Source: KPI Survey 2012 (Forum Research Inc. for Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities)  
†Source: Employment Profile 2012 Provincial Report (Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities)



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