

# Developmental Services Worker (Apprentice)

You can start this January in Kitchener!



"I chose the DSW program because I find helping others to me the most amazing feeling in the world. Fanshawe has an amazing student-oriented atmosphere and it is my pleasure to be a part of that in the coming years."

-Jessica Roos

## What is the Apprenticeship option?

The Developmental Services Worker (DSW) Apprenticeship is an on-the-job training program for employees in a DSW career who do not have the DSW credential.

There are two components to the DSW Apprenticeship program: on the job and in-school curriculum. Courses are offered in London and Kitchener. At Fanshawe, the program delivers 780 hours of in-school curriculum through 20 part-time courses in a day-release model. Classes are scheduled between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The in-school curriculum embodies current philosophy of support and practices of the DSW sector, focusing on both theoretical and applied knowledge.



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## **Is Developmental Services Apprenticeship for you?**

Kitchener Apprenticeship Courses are offered on Wednesdays at Sunbeam Center.

Employees working in Developmental Services can be sponsored by their agency to participate in the Developmental Services Apprenticeship Program. Part-time employees working at multiple agencies may also be eligible to participate.

When you complete your Developmental Service Worker Apprenticeship Certificate you will have the opportunity to bridge, by taking a few additional courses, and to obtain the DSW Diploma.

DS Apprenticeship students are subsidized for the classroom cost by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. Students are eligible for a grant upon completion of the program.

If you have any questions about participating or about the program please contact the Program Coordinator.



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# Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship Program

## What is Apprenticeship?

It is an on-the-job training program for employees working in the field of developmental services who do not have a DSW Credential

## What are the Benefits of Apprenticeship?

- Apprentices earn while they learn
- Training opportunity for staff to obtain a DSW Certificate of Apprenticeship and then a DSW College Diploma
- Cost effective means for education. The apprentice pays a classroom fee approximately 15% of the total cost. The government pays 85%

## What do Apprentice students receive once they complete their requirements?

Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship, the student will receive a DSW Certificate of Apprenticeship. Apprentices are encouraged to continue to study to obtain a DSW Diploma. Each college determines the courses required to bridge the apprenticeship learning outcomes and the college diploma program.

## Is there a cost to registration?

The Apprentice pays a \$60.00 fee to register. An Apprentice registers with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (address below)

## Entry Level:

The academic entry level is grade 12 or equivalent according to MAESD Apprenticeship.

## How many course hours are there?

There are 20 courses equaling 780 hours of in school training.

## What if an Apprenticeship student already has some of the courses?

An apprentice is eligible to apply for Prior Learning and Recognition Credits.

## How do Apprenticeship students register?

Apply Now! When a person wants to register as an apprentice and she/he has a sponsoring employer willing to engage in apprenticeship training, either the person or the sponsor should contact the local MAESD Apprenticeship office. A training consultant will arrange to meet at the workplace to qualify the employer as a sponsor and register the apprentice.



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