

# Personal Support Worker (PSWR) Ontario College Certificate

## PART-TIME

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Do I need to apply?**

Part-time students must apply to this program through [ontariocolleges.ca](https://ontariocolleges.ca)  
Use the PSWX.

#### **When can I start the program?**

Intakes: September 2024 Barrie campus

#### **How many courses do I take?**

Full program details can be viewed on the [Program Outline](#).

#### Graduation requirements

7 Program Courses	1 Communications Course
2 Professional Practice Courses	1 General Education Course

#### **Program delivery**

The part time program will be delivered in-person on campus in Barrie.

#### **When do clinical placements start? Where are they located?**

Clinical placements (Professional Practice courses) are in your last semester of study. The placement facilities are located in Simcoe County but are not necessarily in Barrie. Students are responsible for transportation and parking arrangements and costs.

#### **What is a part-time student?**

As a part-time student, you can take 1, 2 or 3 courses (sometimes 4 depending on course hours) at a time in any given semester.

## How do I know which courses to take?

We have set a schedule up for you – review the Program Map posted on the [Personal Support Worker](#) program page.

## What is the cost of the program?

There is no program fee when studying part-time. **Payment is per course, as you register.** The course fees change year-to-year and course to course. The best source for accurate fees is to check the website for [Personal Support Worker](#).

See screenshot below.



Course information

Course offerings and equivalents

Currently available courses are listed below. Please see our course listings of available [General Education](#) and [Communications](#) co

Course title	Course code
<a href="#">Health Challenges and Continuing Care</a>	PSWR 1039
<a href="#">Human Structure and Function</a>	PSWR 1043
Mental Health Challenges	PSWR 1045
<a href="#">PSW Community Care</a>	PSWR 1037
<a href="#">PSW Laboratory Skills</a>	PSWR 1036
<a href="#">PSW Professional Practice 1</a>	PSWR 1041
<a href="#">PSW Professional Practice 2</a>	PSWR 1042
<a href="#">Palliative Care</a>	PSWR 1038
Professional Foundations	PSWR 1044
Course title	Course code

Click on Course name to view fees and schedule

Each course listed links to course sections with fees:

**PSW Lab Skills**  
PSWR 1036

**Course description**  
Students focus on the principles and skills needed by a personal support worker (PSW) to assist in caring for clients. Integrating theory and skills, students engage in experiential learning through a simulated practice environment that includes client care and peer feedback. Students demonstrate professional behaviour in the lab setting such as being prepared, punctuality and personal grooming. In-lab learning simulates the reality of clinical practice while providing the student with a risk-free learning environment.

**Credits**  
6

**Course Hours**  
84

Students registering for credit courses for the first time must declare a program at the point of registration. Declaring a program does not necessarily mean students must complete a program. Individual courses may be taken for skill improvement and upgrading.

For more information, please [contact Continue Education](#)

**Available Courses**  
Unless stated, the course fee does NOT include the textbook(s). Not all courses have required textbooks. See [general lab fees](#) for courses that are not yet open.

▼ **PSW Lab Skills - PSWR 1036**  
Monday, Jan. 8, 2024  
FULL

PSW LAB SKILLS - PSWR 1036  
Fee: \$291.48  
Course registration number: 24326  
Start: Monday, Jan. 8, 2024  
End: Friday, April 19, 2024

**Class times**

Days	Times	Building - Room
Monday	9:00 to 11:50 a.m.	K - 226
Friday	12:00 to 2:50 p.m.	M - 214
Friday	12:00 to 2:50 p.m.	M - 215

Campus: Barrie

FULL

## Can I access financial aid like OSAP as a part-time student?

Part-time students can apply for OSAP – visit our [Financial Aid](#) page for more information.

**Additionally, review the incentives provided by the Ontario Government:**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/become-personal-support-worker#section-1>

### **How long will it take to complete the certificate?**

This varies depending on how you choose to complete your Clinical Placements. Following the program map provided students will finish the program in August 2025.

### **How can I ensure I am ready for my Clinical Placements?**

You will need a **Clinical Preparedness Permit**.

Once you are accepted into the program, you will receive a package; in it there will be a web link where you can find and print the permit. The permit lists the requirements you must complete before you are eligible to attend your first clinical placement, including:

- Standard First Aid with Level HCP CPR or BLS (Basic Life Saving) with Red Cross
- Up to date immunizations
- Clear Police check, including a Vulnerable Sector Screen (VSS)
- Record of mask fit test (included in student fees and will be done at the college in semester one)
- Ministry of Labour Worker Health and Safety Awareness
- WHMIS training you must complete the training specified for the program (80% is a pass) even if you have completed it elsewhere.

We strongly encourage you to complete all requirements (excluding mask fit test, WHMIS and Ministry of Labour Worker Health and Safety Awareness) before you start your first classes in semester one, as you may need to consult your doctor or local Public Health Unit. This can be difficult once you are attending school in Barrie. Also, depending on where you live, the VSS can take up to 12 weeks to be processed.

You can find more information at

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/placement-offices/#healthandwellnesspre-placement>

### **Don't forget to look into a Credit Transfer/Prior Learning Recognition evaluation of your past education and experience for fast tracking through the program.**

If you have significant work experience you can review our PLAR opportunities:

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>

If you have taken post-secondary at another institution, you may be eligible for credit transfer and/or prior learning recognition (for example, Communications and General Education courses).

If you have taken courses at Georgian in the past and they qualify for this program, they will automatically apply to your credential. You will see these courses in MyPath.

For further information, connect with us!

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