

NEW SPRING INTAKE 2017 PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER



Ontario College Certificate - 30Weeks (Perley Rideau)

Make a difference in the lives of others.

Algonquin College will be offering a third intake of their Personal Support Worker (PSW) program at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre (Perley Rideau) this spring, 2017. The two organizations are combining efforts to address the growing shortage of qualified PSWs in our province. This will be a unique experience offered in a shared learning environment located on the Perley Rideau campus. As a student you will be exposed to theory classes and lab demonstrations on site in the integrated classroom and then you will be able to immediately practice these skills in a real working environment, with an active health care team, supporting older adults while being exposed to diverse clinical and community settings.

This one-year Personal Support Worker Ontario College Certificate program provides students with the knowledge and practical competencies to work as a care provider in a wide range of health care environments. Through a combination of theory, lab practice, and clinical/community experience, students are equipped with the skills to deliver individual care to clients of varying ages and to support their health care needs.

YOUR CAREER

You may find employment as personal support workers functioning under the supervision of registered nursing personnel in:

- Retirement homes
- Long-term care facilities
- Community health agencies
- Acute care setting

QUICK FACTS

- The number of educated health care workers required in the community will significantly increase with the impact of the aging population.
- 45% of PSW's are over the age of 50 and may retire within the next 15 years
- "The need for community care workers is expected to double in the next decade."
- Source: Ontario Long Term Care Association report
- Source: The Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the admission requirements for the program?

English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or equivalent)

What are the hours for classes?

Classes will have a weekday, daytime schedule for theory and lab classes.

What are the class sizes?

Smaller theory and lab class sizes up to 30.

How do I get to the Perley Rideau site?

The Perley Rideau site provides easy access to public transportation, a central location serving all parts of the city.

Who is best suited for this program?

This program is well-suited for students who:

- Enjoy the challenges of working with individuals of all ages and cultural backgrounds.
- Possess good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Possess skills to work with others as a member of a team.
- Are willing to meet the need of our aging population.

What is the teacher/student ratio?

For theory classes, there is a ratio of 1 teacher to 30 students. For lab classes, there is a ratio of 1 teacher to 12 students. For clinical classes, the ratio is generally 1 teacher to 6 students, but can be lower depending on the placement request.

Will there be weekend or evening clinical experiences?

Yes, as health care is a 24 hour/7days a week need.

Will I get to choose my clinical placement?

The college will find you a clinical experience so you will not have to be concerned and search for one yourself. The Perley Rideau's long term care as well as community residential units will be an excellent learning environment for you to integrate theory to real practice.

Is there a pathway for movement from the Personal Support Worker program to the Practical Nursing program?

Yes, there is a pathway for movement from the Personal Support Worker to the Practical Nursing program. See more at: algonquincollege.com/healthandcommunity

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