

# ACCREDITED SCHOOL BOARD PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER (PSW) CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN ONTARIO



## The Program

Personal Support Worker (PSW) programs consist of more than 600 hours of theoretical and experiential hands-on learning. Students participate, learn and gain valuable work experience in labs and Co-op work placements in the healthcare field.

## The Teaching Team

Courses are taught by collaborative teaching teams that include regulated health care professionals and certified Ontario teachers.

## Eligibility, Access & Cost

Candidates can register through participating school boards. Courses are offered for less than \$2,000. Note that for some school boards, candidates must be 18 years of age or older.

## The Standards

Programs follow Ontario Ministry of Education expectations, Ministry of Colleges and Universities Vocational Learning Outcomes, and Ministry of Health and Ministry of Long-Term Care industry standards.



**More than 2,000 learners graduate each year from 23 school board-run PSW programs across Ontario.**

## The Impact

These cost-effective, school board-delivered PSW programs provide the following measurable outcomes:

- ✓ 85% of PSW students graduate from their programs;
- ✓ Students can earn credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma;
- ✓ Students receive additional certifications, including First Aid/CPR and Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA);
- ✓ 95% of graduates secure employment during placements in their field;
- ✓ Graduates are current, competent and engaged in meaningful work in the healthcare field.