



What is a Developmental Services Worker?

A Developmental Services Worker (DSW) helps people with a developmental disability participate in community life.

To do this, they:

- o Encourage skill development
- o Foster connections between individuals, families and community partners
- o Support people with a developmental disability to be fully included in society



Want to learn more?

To find out how you can become an apprentice in the DSW Apprenticeship Program:

o Visit the website at:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/apprentices

or

o Call the toll-free Employment Ontario Hotline at 1-800-387-5656 or 416-325-4084 (TTY)

or

o Contact your employer's Human Resources Department if you work in the field

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Become a Developmental Services Worker Apprentice!

Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship Program

What is the Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship Program?

The Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship Program is a unique opportunity to get paid while training for a rewarding career.

Apprenticeship is for:

- o People already working in the Developmental Services field
- o Students considering an apprenticeship
- o People looking for a career change

About 90 per cent of the apprenticeship training happens on the job. The rest of the training happens in the classroom at a local community college or an approved training organization.

People who complete their training can receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship. The apprenticeship can also lead to a DSW Diploma if it's combined with general college education credits. Each college determines the credits required for a diploma.

What are the advantages of entering the Apprenticeship Program?

You'll have the opportunity to make a difference — to people with a developmental disability and to the whole community. You'll work with people and help build a diverse, inclusive society.

Besides these benefits, apprentices also:

- o Earn while they learn
- o Develop transferable skills
- o Are trained within provincial industry standards, which can lead to future career opportunities
- o Work with employers who value highly skilled workers
- o Receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship upon completion
- o Are offered an alternative route to a diploma
- o Pay only a portion of classroom training costs

What's involved?

On-the-job training takes about two years. Plus, you'll receive 780 hours of classroom instruction at college.

A Developmental Service Agency in Ontario must sponsor your apprenticeship training. The agency will contact the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to register you in an apprenticeship training agreement.

After successfully completing your apprenticeship, you can complete additional credits to achieve the DSW Diploma. The following colleges may deliver the DSW Apprenticeship Program:

- o Algonquin
- o Cambrian
- o Centennial
- o Confederation
- o Fanshawe
- o Georgian
- o Humber
- o La Cité collégiale
- o Loyalist
- o Northern
- o St. Clair