

School of Native Human Services

Honours Bachelor of Social Work



Nishnaabe Kinoomaadwin Naadmaadwin
(Native Teaching in Helping)

Degree Highlights



- Equivalent BSW – four year training program;
- Is Accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Educators (CASWE) and the National Association of Schools of Social Work;
- One of two Culture Specific BSW Programs in Canada;
- The Program incorporates the cultural experience and perspective into the field of social work;
- Available completely through Distance Education on a Part Time basis only;
- Recognition of relevant employment experience; First Nations Staff and Faculty

Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers



- 1998 – Recognizes Social Work as a Profession;
- Governs the Practice of Social Work;
- All BSW's and SSW will be required register with the college to use the title of Social Worker or Social Service Worker;
- Affects all provincial and federal Social Services in receipt of provincial funding.

Practice of Social Work



- Accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE);
- Canadian Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;
- The Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Code of Ethics.

Who Should Apply?



- The program is open to any candidate who;
- Wants to be trained to work with First Nations people in the field of social work;
- Wants a professional degree;
- Is currently an employee in the field of Social Work and wants to upgrade their current academic credentials.

What qualities do you need to be an effective Social Worker?



- A strong desire to empower others;
 - A willingness to heal yourself
 - A strong willingness to learn;
 - Be dedicated and committed to your studies;
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- If you meet the above criteria you will be successful.

Admission Requirements



- High School Diploma: 1 English 70% & 5 Other courses at the high school level.
- Mature Student Status (Persons 21 years of age and over who have been out of school for one year or more);
- CAAT Transfers
- Second Degree Candidates;

Staffing



Faculty

- Susan Manitowabi, Director
- Herb Nabigon, Faculty
- Cheryle Partridge, Faculty
- Schuyler Webster, Faculty
- Taima-Moeke-Pickering, Faculty

Administrative Staff

- Freda Recollet, Departmental Secretary
- Sharon Corbiere-Johnston, Access Supervisor

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Year One (1)

NWLF 1006EL Introduction to Social Welfare (3cr)
NWLF 1007EL Introduction to Native Social Welfare
and Social Work Practice (3cr)
OR SWLF 1005EL Introduction to Social Welfare (6cr)
Or SWLF 1006/1007EL

SOCI 1015E Understanding Society (6cr)

PSYC 1105E Introduction to Psychology (6cr)

ENGL 1540 /705/1500 Introduction Composition/
Introduction to Writing and English Studies
OR ENGL 1550/1540 **OR**
FRAN 1505, **OR** FRAN 1516/1517 (6 cr)

ELECTIVE (Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences) (6cr)

PROFESSIONAL YEAR APPLICATION UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

Professional Year Application



- Intake is maximum of 25;
- Must successfully complete year 1 and possess a grade of 70 in 1st year N/SWLF
- Write a personal statement
- Submit recent Resume
- Sign a Declaration Form: correct information, distance education is PT;
- Knowledge of Criminal Reference Check Requirement for 3rd and 4th year placements.

Year Two (2)



NATI 1105EL Original People of North America (6cr)

(NATI 1016/1017EL Introductory Nishnaabemwin (6cr)

OR NATI 1025EL Introduction to Cree (6cr)

OR NATI 2005EL Aboriginal Languages in the
Contemporary Context (6cr)

NATI 2105E Culture, Behaviour and the Identity
of the Native Person (6cr)

NWLF 2006EL Native Social Welfare Issues (3cr)

NWLF 2007EL Applied Native Social Work Issues (3cr)

NSWK 2315EL The Helping Relationship (6cr)

**Guiding principles of the program are the Seven Grand Father Teachings
and are introduced in second year.**

Year Three (3)



NATI 3105EL Canadian Law and Politics (6cr)

NATI 3116EL Aboriginal People and the Criminal
Justice System (3cr)

NATI 3117EL Social Policy and Family Law
with Native People (3cr)

NSWK 3305EL Native Theories and
Perspectives in Social Work Practice 1 (6cr)

NSWK 3555EL Aboriginal Social Work
Research Methodologies (6cr)

MSW Requirement

OR NATI 3215EL Community-Based
Research Methods (6cr)

***NSWK 3605EL Field Instruction I (6cr)

Year Four (4)



**NSWK 4256EL Culture Specific Helping with Native People (3cr)

**NSWK 4216EL Programs and Issues in Native Social Work Practice (3cr)

NSWK 4305EL Native Theories and
Perspectives in Social Work Practice II (6cr)

***NSWK 4507EL Native Social Work: Groups & Families (3cr)

***NSWK 4517EL Management and Administration
in Native Social Work (3cr)

NSWK 4605EL Field Instruction II (6cr)

Year Four (4)



4 Year NSWK ELECTIVE (6 cr) *

*NSWK 4416EL Conflict Resolution and Peace Making
in Native Social Work Practice (3cr)

NSWK 4406EL Colonizing/Decolonizing Issues of Violence
in Native Communities (3cr)

NSWK 4436EL Addressing Grief and Loss
in Native Social Work Practice (3cr)

NSWK 4426EL Mental Health Policy and Services
in the Native Context (3cr)

Practicum Requirement



- Enhanced Learning opportunities are a component of Field and an integral part of the field program.
- Practicum components are guided and supervised learning experiences.
- **3rd year – 300 hours** – the focus is on the ability to establish professional relationships.
- **4th year – 400 hours** - is compulsory. The focus is on implementation of professional skills, research, program development, policy development, and acting as a beginning professional.

Graduate Profile



- 200 Graduates at May 2009
- 90% Employment Rate
- Almost half possess MSW's
- One has completed post graduate studies (Ph.D.) and two are currently completing PH.D. Studies at U of T and Laurentian Universities.

Graduate Employment File



- Graduates are employed in the following areas;
- Administration; Health Care;
- Child Welfare; Direct Service Delivery;
- Education & Training
- Mental Health; Policy Development;
- Provincial/Federal Corrections
- Research & Development

Support Services on Campus



- **Native Student Affairs:**
- Native Counsellor, Joey-Lynn Wabie
- Learning Strategist, Mary Laur

- On campus Residence (single students only)
- Special Needs
- Peer Tutoring (for on and off campus)
- Student Awards (bursaries)

Updates



- Native Education Council;
- Sept 2007 – Director of Native Affairs was instituted;
- April 2008 – Proposal for the development of an Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre;

Updates Continued



- June 16, 2008 – Senate approved; Native Human Services to become a stand alone program now known as the **School of Native Human Services**;
- September 2008 – School of Native Human Services Student Council;

Updates Continued



- October 30, 2008 – SNHS applies for separate Accreditation through the Canadian Association of Social Work Educators and receives Accreditation February 2, 2009.
- Masters in Arts (MA) - Indigenous Relations currently in development.
- June 2009 – Acting Academic Vice President of Indigenous Affairs

Application for Admission



- For on-campus full time – OUAC – on line at www.ouac.ca.
- For Envision Distance Education – on line at www.laurentian.ca – Fees \$40.00 or through envision calendar or online.
- **APPLY EARLY AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



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