

Community Studies

The Community Studies Program is a two-year diploma program which prepares students for challenging roles in community-based agencies and as community leaders. More specifically, the program focuses on leadership and other career-related skills required for work in a wide variety of Human Services professions. These may range from one-on-one support and counseling roles to positions which involve coordination and facilitation of groups or communities. The courses are fast-paced and dynamic, and are founded on the tenets of experiential learning and direct involvement with the community. Students are challenged to think critically and to become self-directed, lifelong learners.

Students in Community Studies experience a first semester in which they acquire general knowledge and skills fundamental to the human services field. Throughout the first year, students receive career counseling to assist them in making course selections best suited to their particular career choices. The program provides flexibility to allow students to select a combination of courses which will qualify them for work in a variety of areas of Human Services. To this end, students may choose courses from a number of the following areas: Addictions, Community Economic Development, Disability Studies, Healthy Aging, International Issues, Women's Studies, Youth and Adult Corrections, and Family Services.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Based on the particular combination of courses selected, graduates may reasonably expect to find employment with a variety of community-based human services groups and agencies such as:

1. Economic and social development agencies, ranging from RED Boards, to Communities in Schools Programs, community-based entrepreneurial ventures, Family Resource Centres, and Community Youth Networks.
2. Community-based Correctional Services and advocacy groups such as youth assessment centers, group homes, residential centers for ex-offenders, and outreach services for offenders.
3. Social programs for older adults, including recreational programs, congregate housing, and long-term care centers.
4. Services and advocacy groups which support inclusion of persons with disabilities, such as residential services, employment corporations, early intervention programs, schools, and Associations for Community Living.
5. Services for women such as women's centers and transition houses.
6. Addiction Treatment centers/programs.
7. International development agencies/projects.

Graduates who wish to further their education after graduation may choose to transfer credits to the Bachelor of Community Studies Program at the Cape Breton University. This program has provided many students with a foundation for advancement within the Human Services field, or to pursue further education in areas such as Social Work or Education.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop the student's interpersonal and leadership skills and abilities.
2. To provide the students with knowledge of human and group dynamics.
3. To develop the student's ability to organize and facilitate specific target groups as well as the regional community as a whole.
4. To develop the student's understanding of the importance of human relations as a tool for positive growth and change.
5. To assist students in acquiring and utilizing a variety of public relations skills, abilities and techniques.
6. To enhance the student's ability to perform the role of change agents with individuals, groups and regional communities.
7. To increase the student's skills in effective oral and written communication.
8. To give students direct work experience with community-based agencies.
9. To assist students in acquiring skills and knowledge related to working within their chosen area(s) of human services.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Comprehensive Arts and Science Certificate (College Transition program),

OR

A Provincial High School Graduation Certification with a 60% average in nine level 3000 credits or equivalent,

OR

Grade XI public examinations pass with a 60% average or equivalent,

OR

Adult Basic Education (Level III) Graduation indicating completion of the general or academic stream with an average passmark of 60%,

OR

Adult Basic Education (Level III) Graduation with General College Profile (or Business-Related College Profile or Degree and Technical Profile) with an average pass mark of 60%,

OR

Persons 19 years of age or older who do not meet the educational prerequisite for this program may be considered on an individual basis under the Mature Student Clause.

Note: A clear Certificate of Conduct will be required. This Certificate can be obtained from the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

PRACTICUMS

Students must complete two field placements during their program of studies.

EL1270	International Issues	3	3	0
PS1230	Understanding Addictions	3	3	0
SC1240	Healthy Aging	3	3	0
FS1100	Family Services I – Family Structure	3	3	1
FS1101	Family Services II – Family Needs	3	3	1
FS2100	Family Services III – Family Supports	3	3	1

Students should note that not all electives are available each semester. Offerings vary according to campus location.

DIPLOMA

- Two years
- September start
- Bay St. George, Carbonear, Grand Falls-Windsor, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campuses

• **Note:** The first year of this program is offered every alternate year at the Carbonear and Grand Falls-Windsor Campuses. The Bay St. George Campus has an annual September intake.

COURSES

CODE	TITLE	Hrs/wk		
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Semester 1				
SC1120	Sociology I	3	3	0
PS1100	Psychology I	2	2	0
MC1150	Productivity Tools	4	3	2
HR1200	Introduction to Human Services	3	3	1
HR1100	Human Relations	4	4	0
CM1450	Writing Fundamentals for the Workplace	3	3	0
SC0000	Community Studies Elective	3/4	3/4	0
Semester 2				
CM2100	Workplace Correspondence	3	3	0
PS1101	Psychology II	2	2	0
SC1121	Sociology II	3	3	0
CS1110	Leadership Skills I	5	4	2
SC0000	Community Studies Elective	3/4	3/4	0
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EL0000	General Elective	3	3	0
Semester 3 (Intersession)				
FW1440	Field Placement I	4	4	0
CS2410	Crisis Intervention Skills	3	3	0
SD1130	Field Work Preparation	1	1	0
Semester 4				
CS2110	Leadership Skills II	4	4	0
CS2200	Interviewing Skills	4	4	0
SC0000	Community Studies Elective	3/4	3/4	0
FW1441	Field Placement II	7	7	0
Semester 5				
CS2111	Leadership Skills III	4	4	0
ME1110	Media Applications & Public Relations	4	4	0
CS2500	Project Management	3	3	0
SC0000	Community Studies Elective	3/4	3/4	0
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SC0000	Community Studies Elective	3/4	3/4	0
EL0000	General Elective	3	3	0
Community Studies Electives				
CD2100	Community Development	3	3	0
CD2300	Community Economic Development	3	3	0
CD2310	Managing in the Non-profit and Volunteer Sector	4	4	0
EP1100	Entrepreneurial Studies	4	3	2
EC1400	Newfoundland and Labrador Economy	3	3	0
EC2410	Economic Geography	3	3	0
MR1100	Marketing	4	3	2
DB2100	Introduction to Disabilities	3	3	0
DB2110	Issues in Disabilities	3	3	0
DB2300	Program Planning	3	3	0
PS1360	Behaviour Management	3	3	0
PS2200	Developmental Psychology	3	3	0
AC1100	Bookkeeping	4	3	2
CJ2100	Canada's Justice System	3	3	0
CJ2101	Canadian Criminology	3	3	0
CJ2200	Youth Justice in Canada	3	3	0
CJ2400	Special Populations	3	3	0
CJ2410	Case Management	3	3	0
CS2300	Research Methods	3	3	0
CS2700	Self-Directed Learning	4	4	0
PS1200	Drugs and Behaviour	3	3	0
CS1700	Study Trip	2	0	30
SC1300	Women's Studies	3	3	0
SC1301	Women's Studies	3	3	0