

Community Studies

The Community Studies Program is a two-year diploma program which prepares students for diverse roles in human service/community-based organizations. More specifically, the program focuses on leadership and other career-related skills required to work in a wide variety of human services. These services may range from one-on-one support 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 individuals, families and communities. Students are challenged to think critically and to become self-directed, lifelong learners.

Throughout the program, students receive career counseling and academic advising to assist them in making course selections best suited to their particular career choices. To this end, students may choose courses available at the campuses from a number of the following areas: Addictions, Community Corrections, Community Development, Developmental Disabilities, Family Services, and Women's Studies. Not all courses are available at all campus locations.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Examples of types of organizations, agencies, and departments where Community Studies graduates have been hired include the following:

- Aboriginal Communities, e.g. health and social programs
- College of the North Atlantic, e.g. resource facilitators
- Community-based Correction Services, e.g. Youth Assessment Centres, John Howard Society and Residential Centres for ex-offenders
- Department of Health and Community Services/ Department of Child, Youth and Family Services, e.g. mental health services, addiction services, family services
- Economic and Social Development Agencies, e.g. RED Boards, Family Resource Centres and Community Youth Networks
- Services and Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities, e.g. Residential Support Boards, Associations for Community Living and School Boards
- Services for Women, e.g. Women's Centres, Violence Prevention Programs and Transition Houses
- Social Programs for Older Adults, e.g. Long Term Care Centres and Congregate Housing

Graduates who wish to further their education after graduation may choose to transfer credits to the Bachelor of Arts - Community Studies degree at the Cape Breton University or to the Bachelor of Professional Arts - Communication Studies or Criminal Justice degrees at Athabasca 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 expose students to the knowledge, skills, and values needed to work in the human services field.
2. To develop students' understanding of human relations and of the importance of interpersonal skills as a tool for positive growth and change.
3. To introduce students to the theories and practice of leadership.
4. To develop students' abilities to perform the role of change agents with individuals, groups, and communities.
5. To develop students' abilities to organize and facilitate specific target groups.
6. To increase students' skills in effective oral and written communication.
7. To provide students with introductory knowledge of psychology and sociology.
8. To develop students' knowledge and abilities in areas such as public relations, research, crisis intervention, interviewing, and project management.
9. To provide students with direct work experience related to the human services field.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. High School**
Provincial High School Graduation Certificate with a 60% average in nine level 3000 credits or equivalent
- 2. Comprehensive Arts and Science (CAS) Transition**
Comprehensive Arts and Science (Transition) Certificate
- 3. Adult Basic Education (ABE)**
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%

4. Mature Student Status

Applicants who do not meet the educational prerequisites for this program, are 19 years of age or older, and have been out of school for at least one year may be considered on an individual basis under the Mature Student Clause

AND

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) and must be dated no more than three months prior to the first scheduled day of classes for the program.

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.
- **Note:** Community Studies is offered at the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campus on a need-determined basis.

COURSES

CODE	TITLE	Hrs/wk		
		Cr	Le	La
Semester 1				
CD2100	Community Development	3	3	0
CM1100	Writing Fundamentals	3	3	1
HR1120	Human Relations	4	4	0
HR1210	Introduction to Human Services	3	3	0
PS1120	Psychology I	3	3	0
SC1120	Introduction to Sociology	3	3	0
EL0000	Elective*	3	3	0

*Minimum credit value of 3

		Cr	Le	La
Semester 2				
CM2100	Workplace Correspondence	3	3	0
CS1120	Leadership Skills I	3	3	1
CS2340	Introduction to Social Research	3	3	0
ME1120	Media and Public Relations	3	2	2
PS1121	Psychology II	3	3	0
SC0000	Community Studies Course	3	3	0
SD1240	Field Placement Preparation	2	2	0

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Semester 3 (Intercession)				
CS2420	Crisis Intervention Skills	P/F	4	0
FW1450	Field Placement I	4	4	Wks

The Course and Lab hours per week are based on a 15 week semester. In intercession, the Course and Lab hours will be adjusted to reflect the shorter semester length. Refer to course outline.

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Semester 4				
CS1121	Leadership Skills II	3	2	2
CS2220	Interviewing Skills	3	2	2
CS2500	Project Management	3	3	1
SC1121	NL Society and Culture	3	3	0
SC0000	Community Studies Course	3	3	0
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EL0000	Elective*	3	3	0

*Minimum credit value of 3

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Semester 5				
CS2121	Leadership Skills III	2	1	3
SC0000	Community Studies Course	3	3	0
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FW1451	Field Placement II	5	5	Swks

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Community Studies Courses				
CD2300	Community Economic Development	3	3	0
CD2400	Managing in the VNP Sector	3	3	0
CJ2110	Canada's Justice System	3	3	0
CJ2120	Canadian Criminology	3	3	0
CJ2210	Youth Justice in Canada	3	3	0
CJ2420	Canada's Correctional Population	3	3	0
DB2100	Introduction to Disabilities	3	3	0
DB2110	Issues in Disabilities	3	3	0
DB2300	Program Planning	3	3	0
FS1100	Family Services I	3	3	0
FS1101	Family Services II	3	3	0
FS2100	Family Services III	3	3	0
PS1200	Drugs and Behaviour	3	3	0
PS1240	Understanding Addictions	3	3	0
PS1360	Behaviour Management	3	3	0



PS2200	Developmental Psychology	3	3	0
SC1240	Healthy Aging	3	3	0
SC1300	Introduction to Women's Studies	3	3	0
SC1350	Contemporary Issues for Women	3	3	0

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