COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

Program: CDSI
Credential: Ontario College Diploma
Delivery: Full-time
Work Integrated Learning: 2 Field Placements
Length: 4 Semesters
Duration: 2 Years
Effective: Fall 2018
Location: Orillia

Description

Social challenges require collaboration from multiple sectors to make a difference in our world. The program provides students with an interdisciplinary, systems approach to making transformative changes to our communities. The program combines social justice and social change principles with strategic skills and knowledge from the non profit, government and business sectors. Curriculum includes study in the following areas: social challenges, community development, social entrepreneurship, business, fundraising, and event planning, human resources and leadership development.

Through experiential learning, students participate in the community building process and become facilitators of social change. By engaging directly with communities, students learn to appreciate and build upon the strengths of the community and utilize multiple perspectives to effectively make a difference.

Career Opportunities

Many employment opportunities in this field may be found in the nonprofit and government sectors in areas such as community development, program and event planning, and in the newly emerging field of social entrepreneurship and innovation.

The primary career categories include:

- Community Development Worker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Community Economic Development Worker
- Community Event Planner
- Community Project Manager
- Social Entrepreneur
- Social Innovator

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. build relationships with individuals concerned with community work to promote awareness and understanding of the community sector;
2. appraise strengths, resources, and assets of individuals, groups and communities to assist in the promotion of social change;
3. serve in a variety of grassroots organizations to develop a variety of non-profit business skills;
4. use creativity in the development of new, socially innovative services and programs that reflect current community needs;
5. integrate social entrepreneurship skills and approaches within existing services and community resources to foster positive change in the community;
6. conduct one's self professionally, adhere to relevant legislation, and consider the political, social, environmental and/or economic implications when fostering social change;
7. identify the importance of environmentally sustainable practices within the community sector;
8. align leadership strategies to manage relationships, resolve conflict and respond to issues that arise when doing community development work.

The Program Progression
Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2018
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2019
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2019
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2020

Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent with

- Grade 12 English (C or U)

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/ (http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit Transfer Centre website for details: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/ (http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer)

Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: A record of criminal offences, for which a pardon has not been granted, may prevent students from completing their placements, thereby affecting their ability to graduate.

Additional Information

Applicants must have an up-to-date immunization record, Standard First Aid and CPR certification before proceeding on field placement. It is recommended that First Aid training is completed prior to program entry.

Graduation Requirements

17 Program Courses
2 Communications Courses
3 General Education Courses
2 Field Placements

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, from year to year, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

Program Tracking

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
CDSI 1000	Introduction to Community Development and Social Innovation	42
ENTR 1004	Social Entrepreneurship	42
HUMN 1007	Information Ecosystems for Human Services	42
HUMN 1008	Success in Human Services and Beyond	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
	Hours	252

Semester 2		
Program Courses		
CDSI 1001	Financial Accountability and Resource Development in the Community Sector	42
CDSI 1002	Community Service Learning and Contemporary Social Issues	42
MGMT 1003	Event Planning and Project Management	42
SSWK 1013	Social Welfare and Political Ideologies	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
	Hours	252

Semester 3		
Program Courses		
HURM 2006	Human Resource Practices in the Community Sector	42
MKTG 2037	Public Relations and Marketing in the Community Sector	42
SSWK 2009	Field Placement Seminar 1	42
SSWK 2014	Community Practice in Social Service Work	42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Field Placement		
CDSI 2000	Field Placement 1	224
	Hours	434

Semester 4		
Program Courses		
CDSI 2001	Course CDSI 2001 Not Found	42
FNCE 2015	Course FNCE 2015 Not Found	42
GNED 1011	Developing Leadership	42

SSWK 2006	Community Development: Advocacy for Social and Economic Justice	42
SSWK 2010	Field Placement Seminar 2	42
Field Placement		
CDSI 2002	Course CDSI 2002 Not Found	224
	Hours	434
	Total Hours	1372

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