

# Your Future... Our Priority

## Personal Support Worker Program

### Purpose and Mandate

The purpose of the Personal Support Worker Program is to educate students in all 5 dimensions of health - physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual, to enable them to care for individuals/clients/residents/patients as a whole person, as they enter into their career as a health care professional.

The Simcoe County District School Board values of integrity, responsibility, cooperation, caring, respect, optimism, honesty, empathy, courage and inclusiveness are embodied in our PSW program. The PSW student will be part of a multi-disciplinary health care team in a supportive role and provide compassionate and professional care to persons whose situation puts them at risk, enabling the individuals/clients/residents/patients to achieve the highest potential of quality of life.

Specifically, the Adult and Continuing Education Department of our PSW program provides:

- Qualified teachers with health science(s) backgrounds.
- Training using current best practices that reflect the dignity and individual needs and aspirations of the individual/client/resident/patient.
- High quality skills development programs that reflect the changing needs of the health care community.
- Integrated support to the student to encourage successful completion of the program.
- Career and transition assistance to empower individuals to meet their employment and career goals.
- Personal Support Worker Programs throughout Simcoe County based on student demand.
- Opportunity to work with the broader health care community to ensure our program meets employer needs within the boundaries of the PSW role.

The quality of our program is one of the best in Ontario. We comply with the Ministry of Education standards and follow the Ministry of Colleges and Universities Personal Support Worker Program standard ensuring that students achieve the vocational learning outcomes to earn a Personal Support Worker certificate, and our students enjoy high employment rates.

A student must successfully complete the program within 2 years of the student's initial program start date to earn their PSW certificate.