



ADDICTIONS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

25 WEEKS | 690 HOURS

START A NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CAREER IN ONLY 25 WEEKS



PROGRAM OUTLINE

All our classes are taught by dedicated professionals with years of practical, real-world experience in their fields, from frontline community support to addictions counselling to computer science. As a student, you will learn from experts and develop the skills employers are looking for. Some of the courses covered include:

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Addictions & Mental Health
- Industry Interventions Training
- Ethical Practice and Legislation
- Counselling Skills
- Indigenous Studies
- Communications, Recording, and Reporting
- Introduction to Self-Care
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Introduction to Human Services
- Lifespan Development
- Sociology of Families
- Vulnerable Populations
- Working With Groups
- Employment Strategies

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Graduates of Heritage College's express Addictions & Community Support Worker certificate gain the social and developmental knowledge needed to fill various roles in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and medical labs. Over this course, you will:

- Gain valuable industry certifications in first aid, nonviolent crisis intervention and harm prevention
- Study vulnerable populations, addictions, mental health and human development to better identify the challenges faced by clients
- Obtain vital counselling competencies, including numerous practical exercises to hone this core support skill
- Explore mental health agencies, schools, correctional centres, group homes and shelters to prepare yourself for careers in a variety of community support settings

PROGRAM DURATION

CLASSES	510 HOURS	20 WEEKS
PRACTICUM	180 HOURS	5 WEEKS
TOTAL	690 HOURS	25 WEEKS

COURSE DELIVERY

Our express Addictions & Community Support Worker program has two delivery methods:

- **In-Class:** Either three days a week (weekend option) or five days a week (evening and morning options) at Heritage College's Calgary campus.
- **Online:** Lectures and theory delivered online, with online assessment.

The Addictions & Community Support Worker program combines lectures, visual aids, hands-on learning, projects, exams and group discussions into a holistic, accessible learning experience.



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CAREER PATHS

Community support workers and addictions counsellors are core members of most community health teams. Certified graduates can find employment in group homes, shelters, mental health agencies, school boards, correctional centres and government agencies.

Our graduates can find work as mental health workers, community health representatives, disability services providers, volunteer managers, life skills coaches and child support workers.



AVERAGE STARTING WAGE
\$22.50/HR



CAREER OUTLOOK
ABOVE AVERAGE



JOB DEMAND
HIGH

Based on 2021 career information from alis.ca

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Heritage College has two methods of admissions: Standard, for students who have just graduated from high school in Canada, and Mature, for students who are 18-years-old (in AB and SK), 19-years-old (in BC and MB), or older and who have been out of school for at least one year.

STANDARD:

- Requires a Canadian high school diploma, a G.E.D., or the equivalent.

MATURE:

- Requires applicants to pass our Wonderlic Skills Test

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Paying for your education doesn't have to be difficult. Heritage College is here to help you make this crucial investment and help you find your dream job. Here are some of the ways we can help you:

1. **Student Loans:** Heritage College's certificate and diploma programs are accredited by the Government of Alberta, and eligible for student funds in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.
2. **Interest-Free Financing:** Students can finance their education over the duration of their program with our *100% INTEREST FREE student financing*.
3. **Student Line of Credit:** Heritage College can help you apply to your bank or credit union for a Student Line of Credit.





THE HERITAGE COLLEGE ADVANTAGE



SMALL CLASS SIZES

We keep our class sizes small, ensuring you get valuable **one-on-one** time with your instructors. Our **experienced team** ensures you learn more effectively, and develop the skills that will get you hired.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES

Whether you're working, taking care of your family, or you have other priorities, our programs are designed to fit your busy life. Graduate in under a year, and get the education you need when you need it.



AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Learn without breaking the bank. Our programs are designed to fit your budget, with no padding to drive up the costs. To help students achieve their educational goals, we offer both **student financing** and **scholarships**.

EXPERIENCED CAREER ADVISORS

Starting a career in a new industry can be difficult. That's why our team of Career Advisors will work with you at every step of your job search. From resume writing to interview coaching to job hunting we work with you so you can succeed in the workforce.



GUARANTEED PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

Get hands-on, real-world job experience with a **5-week workplace practicum** at one of our partner businesses. Put your skills to work in a practical situations, learn from a practicing mentor, and develop the workplace skills that will get you hired.

LEARN TO WORK