

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER DIPLOMA

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Do you wish to become a skilled social services practitioner, helping and supporting people with different needs?

The Social Service Worker (SSW) program integrates university credit courses with social service career courses, and combines classroom theory with the practical skills necessary for employment in a broad range of social services occupations.

Practicum opportunities available in Northwest communities allow you to practice what you learn in workplace settings and gain valuable practical experience. SSW Certificate graduates are prepared to work at the para-professional level or to continue their education to diploma and degree levels of education. SSW Diploma program graduates can either work at the para-professional level or continue their education to a degree.

Earns you a (<https://catalogue.coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/social-service-worker-certificate/>) SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER CERTIFICATE (<https://catalogue.coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/social-service-worker-certificate/>) or a **SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER DIPLOMA**

Apply to CMTN

Visit Apply to CMTN (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmtn/>) for an Admissions Checklist and to apply online.

Our Educational Advisors (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/student-support/educational-advising/>) are here to help if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

Dates and locations

Intake	Location
Fall 2025	Terrace

Program length

- Full-time or part-time studies start in September.
- Part-time studies for students starting in January.

Speak with an Educational Advisor (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising/>) or Marja Burrows (mburrows@coastmountaincollege.ca), the Program Coordinator, for assistance with course selection.

SSW Diploma

The SSW Diploma requires successful completion of the Certificate and two (Diploma) semesters plus a practicum.

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 151	Technical Writing I	3
SSW 295	Introduction to Social Work	3

SSW 213	Group Work	3
PSYC 201	Developmental Psychology I	3
SOCI 205	Sociology of the Family	3
SSW 296	Social Policies	3
SSW 290	Community Development	3
PSYC 202	Developmental Psychology II	3
SOCI 206	The Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
Any 3 University Credits and/or SSW Electives		9
SSW 298	Social Service Worker Practicum II	3

Total Credits **39**

Diploma requirements

- Successful completion of a Social Service Worker program or related certificate with the completion of SSW 112 and SSW 113.
- Completion of a Criminal Record check (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/criminal-record-check/>) as per the Provincial Criminal Record Review Act.

Need help with the application process? Contact an Educational Advisor (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising/>).

Admission to an intake does not guarantee completion in 2 years.

Year two

Fees	Domestic	International
Full Time:	39 Credits	39 Credits
Tuition:	\$4,172.61	\$17,727.45
Student Union Fees:	\$169.14	\$169.14
Extended Health and Dental*:	\$295.00	\$618.38
Mandatory Fees:	\$317.85	\$395.25
Tuition Total: ¹	\$4,954.60	\$18,910.22
Additional Costs:		
Books: ²	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies/Clothing: ²	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fieldwork/Practicum: ²	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Program Cost:	\$7,704.60	\$21,660.22

Fees are effective as of August 1, 2025 for the 2025/26 academic year.

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These fees are an annual cost. Program takes two years to complete.

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Please note that these are approximate costs and may vary depending on courses taken and location of practicum.

* The Coast Mountain Students Union (CMSU) is pleased to offer Extended Health and Dental Insurance to all qualifying members. The plan is mandatory for all students enrolled in 6 or more credits or a trades



program of 26 weeks or longer. Some students, including those studying overseas and those with existing extended health coverage, are eligible to opt out. Visit <https://cmsu.studenthealthbc.ca/> to learn more about the plan or request to opt out. You will also receive a detailed introductory email no later than 6 weeks after your semester starts. For any inquiries about the plan, please contact the Students' Union Organiser : Bhushra Ansari, organiser@mycmsu.ca

* Basic Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. Health insurance costs will be charged every term until students provide proof of MSP.

Career opportunities

Opportunities for graduates from this program include:

- Child and Youth Workers
- Financial Assistance Workers
- Teacher Assistants
- Support Workers
- Family Resource Workers
- And much more

Diploma graduates may continue their education to further a professional career in human and social services, including:

- Social Worker
- Family Counsellor
- Probation Officer
- Corrections Officer
- College Counsellor
- And any other professional position in the human service field

Check the BC Transfer Guide (<https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>) for current transfer agreements between BC Post-secondary Institutions.

Under the collaborative agreement between University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) and CMTN, students who complete the Social Service Worker Diploma program are eligible to receive credit as determined under the agreement. UNBC's Bachelor of Social Work Degree can be obtained at UNBC's Terrace Campus. Check the BC Transfer Guide (<https://catalogue.coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/social-service-worker-diploma/www.bctransferguide.ca/>) for block transfer to Thompson Rivers University and Athabasca University.

