

CESBA PSW PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CESBA, (Continuing Educators School Board Administrators), provides on-going support to all school boards across Ontario that run a Personal Support Worker program.

Currently there are 24 school boards who offer PSW training, servicing both the urban and rural areas and creating solid partnerships in the delivery of health care. (see attached map).

School board PSW programs offer an exceptional alternative to community and private college programs as they are often more affordable, have smaller class sizes and can assist adult learners obtain their OSSD. This creates a positive and successful model for the over 2000 Ontarians who receive their PSW certification through a school board each year.

Most programs run in excess of 680 hours of training that includes theory, lab, supervised clinical and precepted placement components. All programs follow the 14 Vocational Training outcomes set out by MTCU, the requirements set out by MOE for credits linked to the PSW modules and the MLTC for employment in LTC homes.

The two CESBA co-chairs, Dawn-Marie Brunet of the Sudbury Catholic District School board, and Anita Plunkett from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario represent all programs at the Ministry level. Regular meetings with MOH, MLTC, MTCU and MOE ensure that school board PSW programs are well recognized and have quality delivery to meet the growing needs in our health care system.

Additionally, CESBA is also the voice to PSW organizations such as OPSWA, PSNO and the new PSW Registry.

CESBA PSW programs meet annually at the November conference in Toronto, and in spring at the PSW Work Day to ensure the opportunity for ongoing information and resources, professional development and networking to strengthen each program.

All CESBA PSW programs undergo a thorough review and assessment of their content and delivery through our Quality Assurance process that will be introduced in the Spring of 2020. This movement from an external third-party accreditation will further ensure and support the high level programming of each board PSW certification.

As we continue to look ahead to the changing demands of health care across all sectors in Ontario, CESBA PSW programs provide a solid foundation to meet these needs.