

## ACCREDITED SCHOOL BOARD PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER (PSW) CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN ONTARIO

# FACT SHEET

### THE PROGRAM

Personal Support Worker (PSW) programs consist of more than 600 hours of theoretical and experiential hands-on learning. Students participate, learn and gain valuable work experience in labs and Co-op work placements in the healthcare field.

### THE REACH

More than 2,000 learners graduate each year from 21 school board-run PSW programs across Ontario.

### THE TEACHING TEAM

Courses are taught by collaborative teaching teams that include regulated health care professionals and certified Ontario teachers.

### ELIGIBILITY, ACCESS and COST

Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and can register through participating school boards. Courses are offered for less than \$2000.

### THE STANDARDS

Programs follow the Ontario Ministry of Education expectations, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development Vocational Learning Outcomes, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care industry standards.

### THE IMPACT

These cost-effective school board-delivered PSW programs provide the following measurable outcomes:

- ✓ Students can earn credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma;
- ✓ Students receive additional certifications including First Aid/CPR and Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA);
- ✓ 95% of graduates secure employment within 6 months;
- ✓ Graduates are current, competent and engaged in meaningful work in the healthcare field.