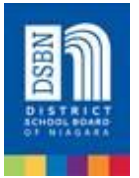


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Key Points for Success:

- ✓ Genuine desire to care for others and make a difference!
- ✓ Strong work ethic and good interpersonal skills
- ✓ Positive attitude
- ✓ Attendance: there are mandatory hours for the PSW certificate

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ 18 years of age or older
- ✓ Reliable transportation to school and **placements anywhere in the Niagara Region**
- ✓ Reliable daycare
- ✓ Up-to-date immunizations, including against COVID-19 (3 shots) and a clear 2-step TB test
- ✓ Clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check for Employment
- X You do not need an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). You will have the opportunity to work towards your diploma during the PSW program!

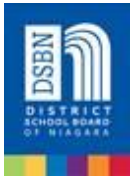
Program Details:

- ❖ Please inquire about tuition fees
- ❖ Complete your certificate in 6 to 10 months
- ❖ Daytime classes Monday to Friday
- ❖ Placements in a variety of settings, such as long-term care, homecare, retirement living, adult day programs, schools, and more
- ❖ Clinical placements are **6am-2pm anywhere in the Niagara Region**
- ❖ Community and Consolidated placements are full-time hours; variable shifts

Next Steps:

- ✓ Sign up for an interview – includes a meeting with Transition to Employment
 - Please bring:
 - Completed PSW Application Form
 - 1 letter of reference and a resume, if possible (optional)
 - 2 pieces of government identification
 - Social Insurance Number (for Transition to Employment)
 - Proof of Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or proof of completing grade 12 English

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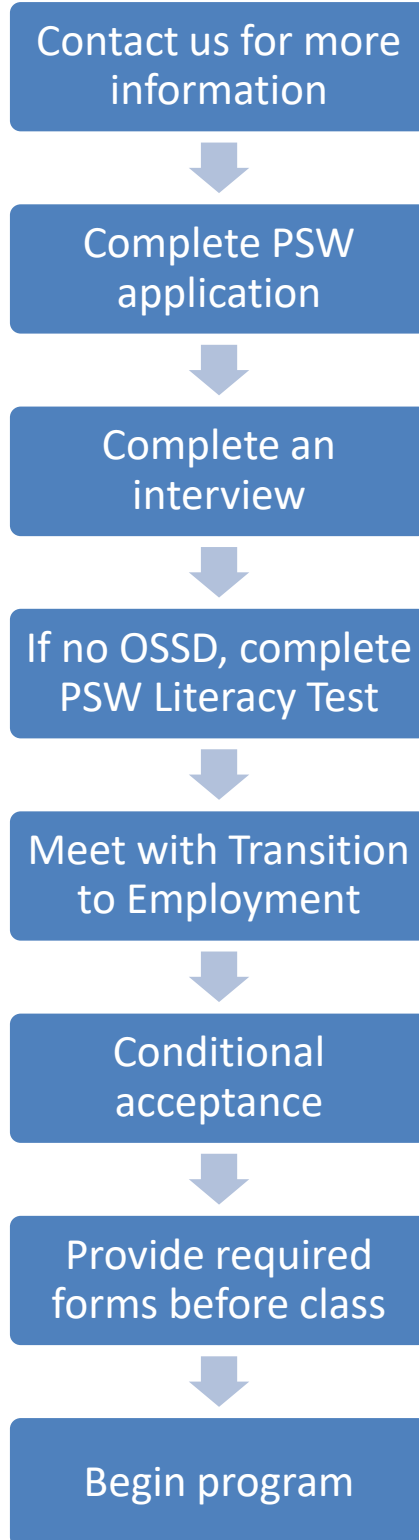
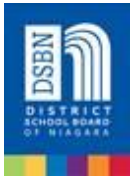
- ❖ **If you do not have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or grade 12 English**, you will complete a **literacy test** following your interview
- ❖ If you are successful, you will receive a **Conditional Offer of Acceptance** followed by next steps for a police check and medical paperwork to be completed before class

If accepted and you are not born in Canada:

- ✓ Visit the **DSBN Welcome Centre** to get a **Letter of Permission and a Verification Form**
 - 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines
 - welcomecentre@dsbn.org / 905-641-1550 ext. 54152
 - follow the steps on the letter – you might need a **Study Permit**
- ✓ You need English language ability equal to Canadian Language Benchmark Level 6
- ✓ Get your transcript equivalency for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD):
<https://www.icascanada.ca/>

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