



Developmental Services Worker Certificate of Apprenticeship

The DSW Apprenticeship program started the first classes in January 2009. We have expanded from the original two groups of 70 students to 4 groups in London and 1 group in Kitchener. Our original group will be graduating with their DSW Certificate of Apprenticeship by the end of June this year. Many of those students are now bridging to get their DSW diploma.

Due to the success of the program, we are offering another new intake in September 2011. One of the reasons the DSW Apprenticeship program has been so successful is the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) pays 85% of the tuition and the Fanshawe offers the courses on a part-time basis, one day per week.

If you have any employees who are interested in becoming a DSW Apprenticeship student at Fanshawe, below are the steps:

1. You need your employer to sponsor you. This involves the employer entering into a registered training agreement under which the employer is required to ensure that an individual is provided with the workplace-based training. There is no cost to the agency to sign up with MTCU as a sponsor.
2. Contact the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities (MTCU)
Suite 201, 217 York Street,
London, Ontario
N6A 5P9
519-675-7788

When you meet with MTCU, you need verification that you have completed grade 12. The application to be an apprentice is \$40.00.

3. MTCU will send your information to Fanshawe College and when the courses are running you will receive information about how to sign up.
4. If you already have credits from a recognized post-secondary institution that match the courses offered in the DSW Apprenticeship program, you can apply for credits under Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR). Once you are registered with Fanshawe, I can meet with you to see if your previous educational courses would apply.
5. If you have specific questions about the courses, please contact:

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