Have you earned a two-year Social Service Worker (SSW) diploma from an Ontario college?

If you have, you can receive up to two full years (60 credits) of advanced standing if you transfer to Nipissing University and you are admitted to a 4-year Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with a Specialization or an Honours Specialization in Social Welfare and Social Development.

HOW does it WORK?

It depends on the GPA you earned in your SSW program:

- If your GPA was 4.0, you will be considered for admission with advanced standing, as follows:
  - 60 credits
- If your GPA was 3.7, you will be considered for admission with advanced standing, as follows:
  - 45 credits
- If your GPA was 3.5, you will be considered for admission with advanced standing, as follows:
  - 36 credits
- If your GPA was 3.0, you will be considered for admission with advanced standing, as follows:
  - 30 credits

Note: This advanced standing policy applies to all SSW diplomas, including those with gerontology, immigrants and refugees, and Native specializations.
The interdisciplinary Social Welfare and Social Development (SWLF) program at Nipissing University is unique in Canada in name and, to a great extent, in content. We focus on inequality and the groups that have been underrepresented in the distribution of resources, opportunities, and power.

SWLF is a perfect match for an SSW graduate who wants to obtain a university degree, a degree that has much in common, in terms of subject matter and core values, with the Social Service Worker diploma.

Our required courses examine poverty, social and economic justice, the ideologies of social welfare, and the history of social welfare. We also have a full-year offering rooted in community service-learning. In the fourth-year, students review theories of social development and take a capstone honours seminar.

The program has a variety of upper-year electives that you can choose from, focusing on:

Women
Aboriginal Peoples
Race and Ethnicity
Globalization
Work

Addictions
Health
Social Justice
Crime
Social Change

Homelessness
Family Violence
Social and Political Violence
Comparative Development
Religion

Transfer students apply to Nipissing University through the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre (OUAC) 105 application process. Details are available at: www.ouac.on.ca

Once we have your application, you will receive more information about the next steps in the process. You will be able to track your application online.

For further program or admissions information, please email admissions@nipissingu.ca or call 705-474-3450 ext. 4600.