



Developmental Services Workers (DSW) support people with developmental disabilities so that these individuals may participate fully in their communities. They collaborate and build relationships with people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to acquire the specialized knowledge and skills required to work with them throughout their lives. DSW apprentices work in a variety of areas, including education, housing, employment support, self-advocacy and recreation.

## Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship (SSIA)

Trade Code 620D

### How are courses delivered?

- › This program is offered by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD), in partnership with Collège Boréal.
- › Online Courses: Dates and duration of each course are determined by the college.
- › Theoretical component: Courses are delivered online by Collège Boréal.
- › Practical training: On-the-job training – to be discussed with the MLITSD.

### Level 1: 363 hours

Approximate cost: \$900

- › Developmental Disabilities
- › Philosophy of Support
- › Social Services
- › Health and Wellness 1
- › Dual Diagnosis
- › Professionalism 1

### Level 2: 417 hours

Approximate cost: \$900

- › Person-Directed Plans
- › Intervention Strategies
- › Teaching Strategies
- › Responding to Abuse
- › Pharmacology
- › Social Integration
- › Health and Wellness 2
- › Professionalism 2

### To register:

1. Find a sponsor (employer) who is willing to train you and supervise your hours of practical training.
2. Once you have confirmed a sponsor, apply here: [ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship](https://ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship)
3. Register with Collège Boréal's Apprenticeship Department by phone at 1.800.361.6673, ext. 3003, or by email at [apprentissage@collegeboreal.ca](mailto:apprentissage@collegeboreal.ca)

To find an Employment Ontario Apprenticeship office in your region, visit: [ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario-apprenticeship-offices](https://ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario-apprenticeship-offices)

## Developmental Services Worker Diploma (SSIN)

The bridging program allows students to also earn a postsecondary diploma in this field.

Students must meet the following conditions to earn a SSIN Diploma:

1. Successfully complete both levels of the Developmental Services Worker Apprenticeship program.
2. Complete their Apprenticeship Training Standard Log Book and submit it to the MLITSD.
3. Successfully complete all postsecondary courses of the SSIN bridge.

### Programming – The Bridge

Cost: Approx. \$300 per course

- › Professional Communication in English ~ ENG1011\*
- › Français ~ FRA1005
- › Introduction to Sociology ~ SOC1001
- › 1 elective general training course

\*Prerequisite: English Placement Evaluation.

Contact [service.testing@collegeboreal.ca](mailto:service.testing@collegeboreal.ca) for information on how to complete your English Placement Evaluation.

### To register:

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