



Information about Dual Credit Social Work Courses From Northern Lakes College

Why take dual credit Social Work courses?

1. Earn up to 30 CTS credits toward their high school diploma.
2. Lower your workload in College by reducing the number of courses you need for your Social Work program.
3. Find out if the Social Work program interests you before enrolling in College.
4. Save money. Your high school may cover some costs. Check with your school to determine if they cover any expenses.
5. Qualify for a \$500 tuition bursary. Dual credit students who successfully complete qualify for tuition bursary if they continue their post-secondary education with Northern Lakes College.

Where is the program available?

The Dual Credit courses in the Social Work Program are available at any participating school.

When is the program available?

Term	Start Date	End Date
Summer	July 2, 2024	Aug 23, 2024
1	Sept 3, 2024	Dec 11, 2024
2	Jan 6, 2025	April 18, 2025
3	May 1, 2025	June 25, 2025



What prerequisites are needed to get into the program?

1. Students must have or be co-enrolled in English 30-1 or 30-2 to start taking courses as a dual credit student.
2. Students who wish to enroll in the program after taking dual credit courses must meet all the program entrance requirements, which include:
 - a. English 30-1 (60%) or 30-2 (70%).
 - b. At least 18 years of age to do the practicum
 - c. Police Information Check and an Intervention Record Check are required for practicum placements.

Note: Because of the nature of the program, students must not abuse alcohol or drugs for at least one year before applying. In addition, students must not be abusing drugs for the duration of the program.

How difficult is the program?

1. The courses in this program are at the college level and, therefore, require a significant commitment on behalf of the student, the parent, the high school and the College. Consequently, you must be sure you are ready to dedicate yourself to the courses before applying.
2. Parents are encouraged to stay informed of their child's progress in the program via the high school.

Other things you need to know:

1. For the Social Work courses, students will follow the schedule laid out by the College, which may differ from the high school schedule. The schedule will be provided when you start the program.
2. There are twenty courses in the Social Work diploma program. Students can take up to seven courses by dual credit.
3. The NLC Social Work diploma program transfers to Social Work degree programs at UofC and AU.
4. Most classes are offered online, therefore, they can be worked on at any time. These are referred to



as asynchronous classes. Other courses are offered live and online. These are referred to as synchronous classes. Most synchronous classes can be taken asynchronously – attendance in live classes is not mandatory, and recordings of the live classes are made available to students.

SOWK1010 and SOWK1020 are exceptions; attending the live online class is mandatory.

SOWK1010 also requires attendance at a 2-day compulsory lab in Slave Lake.

5. Below is a listing of the six courses available by dual credit toward the Social Work diploma program. Each course equates to five high school credits.

Course Name	Term Available
SOWK1010 - An Introduction to Social Work ^{1, 2, 3}	Term 1
SOWK1020 - The Helping Process ^{1, 2, 3}	Term 1
PSYC1060 - Psychology for the Health Care Professional ¹	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
ENGL1000 - Introduction to English Language and Literature ¹	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
HEED1010 - Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness ^{1, 2}	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
SOCI1000 - Introduction to the Study of Society ^{1, 2}	Term 1, 2 or 3

1 - These courses transfer to many different programs at the College.

2 - Recommended introductory courses

3 - Attendance in the Live Online Class is Mandatory

6. For more information about a career in Social Work, check out the alis.alberta.ca website. In addition, you will find information on Social Work and other careers under the 'Occupations in Alberta' link.
7. For more information on the Social Work program at Northern Lakes College, check out the College website at northernlakescollege.ca.
8. Application deadline is six weeks before the course's start date; however, students are encouraged to apply early as the classes can fill up before the application deadline.