The Child & Youth Worker program prepares you to provide frontline treatment service to emotionally troubled and disturbed children and youth.

This full-time diploma program is delivered in two academic years (74 weeks) and includes both classroom and placement experiences. It is registered with the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities.

Full-time: weekly daytime classes; Flex: full-time classes on evenings & weekends; or Flex+: part-time classes over a longer duration.

Graduates of this program ...

- Receive a Child and Youth Worker diploma
- Specialize in supporting change in children, youth and their families who are experiencing a range of social, emotional and behavioural challenges
- Implement a range of prevention, intervention and treatment strategies for children, youth and their families
- Contribute to the success and well-being of children, youth and their families
Course Outline

Our students receive specific education and skill development related to child management techniques and more through multiple program modules including:

» Communication Skills
» Research Methods in Psychology
» Physical and Cognitive Development
» Behaviour Disorders
» Counselling Theory
» Legal and Ethical Issues
» Child Abuse and Neglect
» Pharmacology

The Child & Youth Worker program includes an internship placement upon successful completion of all course work.

Why Should You Choose KLC?

» We’ve been teaching and training for over 32 years. All our campuses are centrally located, with free parking and close to public transit locations.
» Our small class sizes mean that you’ll receive individualized attention and personalized learning through your program journey.
» Our strong sense of community, support lines between faculty and students, and additional online support ensure that you’ll be in the best environment to foster your knowledge and career.
» Concentrated curriculum & schedule lets you enter the workforce quickly. Work with our in-house dedicated career counselling team to ensure 100% job placement.
» Financial assistance may be available to those individuals who qualify.

Admission Requirements

» Ontario Secondary School Diploma (Grade 12) or equivalent
» Demonstrated English, communication and comprehension skills
» The equivalent standing at the general level in English

Career Paths

» Work within a school or district school board
» Hired at a mental health agency
» Work within family & social service agencies
» Use KLC as a stepping stone for social work education

Potential Employers

» Residential Treatment Centres
» Children’s Mental Health Centres
» Group Homes & Youth Detention Centres
» Day Treatment Centres
» Social Service Agencies
» Boards of Education
» Educational Services