

# Tuition-Free Accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery Program

## FAQs for Prospective Students

### 1. When does the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program start?

The program start dates are:

- April 5, 2021
- May 10, 2021
- June 14, 2021

### 2. How do I apply to the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program?

Candidates may apply for this program through [ontariocolleges.ca/psw](https://ontariocolleges.ca/psw)

- Select 'Filter by: College (Conestoga)' on the left-hand side
- Select 'Personal Support Worker (FAST Delivery) (11653)'
- Select one of the three options (April 2021, May 2021 or June 2021 program start)

### 3. Are students for this tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program OSAP eligible?

Yes, students are eligible to apply for OSAP for this tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program.

### 4. What is the application fee for Ontario Colleges Application System (OCAS)?

The application fee is \$95.

### 5. What are the admissions requirements for the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program?

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, or 19 years of age or older with mature student status.
- Grade 12 compulsory English, C or U, or equivalent, or Conestoga College Preparatory Communications (COMM1270).
- It is recommended that applicants have previous post-secondary experience (a course, certificate, diploma or degree from an accredited college or university) or experience in health care in the last two years before starting this program.

Applicants are strongly advised to ensure that they have a clear Police Check for Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) if considering this program. Access to work-integrated learning (WIL) experiences requires a clear VSS, and students will not be allowed to complete the program without successful WIL completion.

**6. I'm interested in this program but don't meet the admission requirements for grade 12 English equivalency. What are my options for upgrading or equivalency?**

Applicants can complete the [Pre-admission and Mature Student Assessment](#). The cost is \$25 USD for the English assessment. The same fees apply to rewrite the assessment. Only the English testing is required for the accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program.

We do not accept LINC assessment scores for admission. We will consider IELTS, TOEFL or Duolingo assessment results as proof of English proficiency. If you have completed one of these language assessments, please forward a copy of the test results to the Admissions office ([Admissions@conestogac.on.ca](mailto:Admissions@conestogac.on.ca)) for consideration with your application. The minimum grade required for consideration to the PSW program is 57%.

**7. How is the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST program delivered?**

PSW-FAST is a hybrid delivery, including remote (virtual) scheduled classes, asynchronous (non-scheduled) activity, and in-person labs.

Theory and labs are scheduled Monday to Friday, 4-7 hours per day. The program is 21 weeks in length with no study week or break between terms.

**8. Where are the labs located?**

The essential in-person labs will be offered at multiple locations and multiple times pending the availability of the site location including Kitchener - Doon, Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford, Brantford, Ingersoll and Mount Forest.

**9. Will I achieve the same learning outcomes in the six-month accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program as I would in the full-time two-term program?**

Students from both programs graduate with the same PSW certificate. The 21-week tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program is a condensed version of the traditional two-term PSW program.

**10. Can I transfer from another PSW program if I am partially completed?**

Applicants for the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program must participate in the full program and cannot transfer from another PSW program.

**11. Are international students eligible for the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program?**

International students are not eligible for the financial supports associated with this program including the paid placement, but can enrol if they self-fund.

**12. Can out-of-province students participate in the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program?**

Yes, but a condition of the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program is that all students must complete their paid placements in Ontario.

**13. What if I have additional questions about the tuition-free accelerated PSW-FAST Delivery program?**

- Contact [PSWinfo@conestogac.on.ca](mailto:PSWinfo@conestogac.on.ca)
- Visit [Personal Support Worker - FAST Delivery](#)
- Join us at one of our [Zoom drop-in sessions](#) on Tuesdays from 8 - 9 p.m. or Fridays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (password is "PSWinfo")