

VICTIMOLOGY



Building a future of enhanced supports and rights for victims of crime

Algonquin College is the first in Canada to offer a one year graduate certificate program in Victimology. Get the education and training you need to understand victim's rights, sudden and traumatic loss, diverse victim populations, the impact of crime and the criminal justice system on victims, how to provide effective assistance, and prepare your own personal development and self care plan. This unique program also provides you with 146 hour practicum in the National Capital where you can learn victim's issues and perspectives first hand from professionals in the field. Our practicum options include: victim crisis units, police services, victim advocacy centres, native centres, government agencies, women's shelters, and community action groups.

YOUR CAREER

You may find employment in a variety of occupational fields providing services to victims of crime including:

- Social services
- Child protection
- Crisis response
- Criminal justice system
- Policy areas related to victimization

You are best suited for this program if you enjoy working with people, are open minded, have excellent communication skills, self awareness and sensitivity, and are team oriented, with strong analytical and writing skills.



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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get accepted in to the program?

To be eligible for this program you must have completed a college diploma or university degree in a related discipline, have completed 1- 3 years of related volunteer or paid experience or equivalent, and write a letter of intent. An interview with the Program Coordinator may be required for clarification on the documents that you submit.

What are the additional certifications offered in the Victimology Program?

You will receive a two day training workshop to become certified in ASIST suicide intervention.

Is this program offered part-time online?

Yes, the program is offered part-time online. You can begin taking courses part-time and apply them to the full-time program. However, it is not possible to take all of the courses in one term through Distance Education. The courses offered will fluctuate each term.

Will I need to purchase a computer?

This is a mobile learning program and you are required to supply and use a laptop or mobile learning device that meets or exceeds the recommended hardware requirements as designated by the program. Specifications are outlined at: <http://mlearning.algonquincollege.com>.

Is the Practicum completed alongside the courses or is it after all the courses have been completed?

If you are taking the program through Distance Education, the Practicum takes place after all of the course work has been completed. In the full-time program, the Practicum takes place in the month of March for 4 weeks. You are not required to find your own field placement. If you are taking the program through Distance Education you must complete all courses before registering for the practicum.

What kind of career opportunities are available when I graduate?

Depending on the degree of your experience and credentials job opportunities will vary. A few examples of where graduates have found employment are: the federal government, an aboriginal health centre, a national victim advocacy centre, and a national program assisting offenders.

What are the advantages or benefits of having this certificate? What is the difference between this certificate program and a diploma?

The Victimology Program is designed to supplement your existing diploma or degree with an intense focus on criminal victimization - theories and practical application. This is a graduate certificate with a 146 hour practicum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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