

# VICTIMOLOGY

**Program:** VICT  
**Credential:** Ontario College Graduate Certificate  
**Delivery:** Part-time - Online  
**Work Integrated Learning:** 1 Field Placement  
**Length:** 2 Semesters  
**Duration:** 1 Year  
**Effective:** Fall 2021  
**Location:** Orillia

## Description

In this program, students will develop an understanding of victims' rights, sudden and traumatic loss, victim populations, crime, and its effects on victims in the criminal justice system. History and theories of victimization are explored, with an applied victim centered focus. Specific course emphasis is given to issues such as childhood physical and sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault. A field placement experience in victim services provides students with the opportunity to collaborate with victim service agencies in the planning, delivery and evaluation of victim services and advocacy.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program may find employment opportunities in fields such as social services, child protection, crisis response, and the criminal justice system. Opportunities may also be available in policy areas related to victimization.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. assess individuals, families and groups for the risk and experience of victimization;
2. advocate for victims of crime within the criminal justice and other systems;
3. plan, implement and evaluate interventions aimed at prevention and healing for victims of crime;
4. refer victims of crime to appropriate services;
5. design and deliver victim service education to other professionals and members of the community;
6. collaborate with service agencies to plan, deliver and evaluate victim service programs and initiatives;
7. identify, analyze and apply current research and theory to victim services;
8. assess the personal impact of delivering victim services and employ self care strategies.

## Admission Requirements

- college diploma with a specialty in social services, youth services, police foundations, early childhood education, community and justice services
- university degree, with a specialty in social work, criminology, law, psychology, counselling, nursing, sociology or other related degree

## Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: A record of criminal offences, for which a pardon has not been granted, may prevent students from completing their placements, thereby affecting their ability to graduate.

## Graduation Requirements

12 Program Courses  
 1 Field Placement

### Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester. The passing weighted average for promotion through each semester and to graduate is 60%.

### Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
VICT 1000	Victimology: Theoretical Perspectives (ODE)	42
VICT 1001	Victims of Crimes (ODE)	42
VICT 1002	Victimization and the Law (ODE)	42
VICT 1003	Violence Against Women (ODE)	42
VICT 1004	Aboriginal Peoples: Understanding and Reducing Victimization (ODE)	28
VICT 1005	Victims and the Media (ODE)	28
VICT 1006	Violence Against Men (ODE)	28
<b>Hours</b>		<b>252</b>
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
VICT 1007	Childhood Victimization (ODE)	42
VICT 1008	Diversity and Victim Assistance (ODE)	28
VICT 1009	Victimology: Professional Practice (ODE)	28
VICT 1010	Victimology: Assessment and Intervention (ODE)	42
VICT 1011	Victim Assistance Services (ODE)	42
Field Placement		
VICT 1012	Field Placement	160
<b>Hours</b>		<b>342</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>594</b>

## Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of one year (as stated above) may take a maximum of two years to complete their credential.



After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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