

Ready for Social Work in Ontario

	Short Term Goals	Medium Range Goals	Long Term Goals
Learning English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve a Level Eight Benchmark • Investigate which university language exam you will try for • Join or lead a conversation circle in your community • Read challenging books in English that deal with social work topics • Practice skilled email communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrol in a pronunciation course • Pass TOEFL or IELTS • Join Toastmasters to enhance public speaking skills • Pursue intensive media and print journals in English • Read challenging books in English • Attend public lectures in English • Practice skilled email communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue advanced writing courses • Pursue Academic Success courses • Work on pronunciation issues if these are an issue with a coach or in a lab at TWC • Study examples of professional social work writing • Keep reaching higher for your writing goals • Maintain an ambitious range of reading habits • Read a demanding newspaper or journal
Licensing and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in decision-making about your path • Make decisions about whether you wish to pursue a regulated profession • Explore how your occupational interests translate into a regulated profession • Understand labour market implications of your decision – not all occupations require certification but many do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have your documents translated by the translator that the university specifies on the site • Submit all your documents to the university of your choice • Visit admissions officers to learn more • Work with a counsellor to see if assistance can be offered in the steps of admission • Be prepared for the pre-requisite courses that entry into BSW or MSW may demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attain your degree step by step • Join the professional associations in Social Work and maintain membership once you are permitted to do so by the regulating body after training and supervision is completed • Maintain awareness of professional ethics in your field
Career Decisions and Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer extensively to learn more about occupations • Build a professional network of allies who care about your progress • Target your networks in areas of deep interest and passion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target volunteer opportunities carefully • Identify mentors • Carry out information interviews with persons you respect in the field • Maintain your professional credibility at all times • Remain open and curious to how opportunity is organized in the sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice leadership roles in your profession • Add to specific team leadership skills • Upgrade your volunteering roles as much as possible • Become an expert in “soft skills” in the workplace • Maintain credibility and stay in touch with mentors • Focus on your areas of experience and competence • Build professional relationships in all community roles
Finding Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survival job • Work on a plan with a counsellor • Pursue PT contracts • Begin a social work resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find related employment and work at contracts to diversify your experience base • Create business cards and a portfolio • Develop interview skills through workshops and practice with a coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to change your resume for targeted opportunities • Keep networking