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# Special Care Counselling

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The SCC program provides people-oriented students with the professional skills necessary to develop therapeutic relationships and give support to a broad range of people of all ages who have special needs. Students are trained to assess, develop, implement and evaluate goal-directed clinical interventions designed to enhance a person's quality of life.

Students of the Special Care Counselling program participate in three separate supervised fieldwork placements where they can put into practice the skills they learn in course work.

The role of the Special Care Counsellor is continually growing and expanding. In the 3-year SCC program students acquire the combination of theoretical and practical knowledge needed to both work in this exciting and constantly evolving helping profession, or to continue their studies at the University level if they choose to do so.

SCC graduates are also eligible for advance standing or can receive course equivalencies in selected university programs.

Given that Special Care Counsellors work with families, schools, cultural communities and a team of multi-disciplinary professionals, students who become SCCs must be compassionate, creative, sensitive, patient, and observant individuals who have a strong passion for helping others.

## What can I do after I graduate with a DEC in Special Care Counselling?

Graduates are employed by schools, residential treatment centres, youth protection services, shelters, hospitals, community centres and day treatment programs, and in agencies and community organizations which provide specialized services to individuals and families with physical, neurological, psychosocial, mental health and developmental needs. The placement rate for graduates of this program is virtually 100%. Starting salaries are about \$34,000 a year.

### Yes, it is possible to continue on to university studies from this program.

Graduates applying to university should consult with an Academic Advisor to know the prerequisites of the program they wish to apply to. Depending on the program they apply to, some universities offer advanced standing to SCC graduates.

# Program Grid

## SEMESTER 1

Role of the Special Care Counsellor  
Communication 1  
Students take 3 of the following courses in Semester 1 and the remaining 3 in Semester 2.  
Observing and Reporting Clientele 1  
Community Resources Clientele 2  
Human Development  
Social Problems  
English  
Humanities  
Physical Education

## SEMESTER 2

Activities  
Communication 2  
Remaining 3 courses from the list above  
English  
Humanities  
Physical Education

## SEMESTER 3

Introduction to Family Issues or Humanities  
Students take 2 of the following courses in Semester 3 and the remaining 2 in Semester 4  
Physical and Neurological Deficits  
Developmental Disabilities  
Aggression and Isolation  
Academic / Behavioural Problems  
Introduction to Counselling  
Internship 1  
English  
French

## SEMESTER 4

Introduction to Family Issues or Humanities  
Remaining 2 courses from the list above  
Crisis Intervention  
Internship 2  
English  
French

## SEMESTER 5

Internship 3  
Professional Ethics

## SEMESTER 6

Advanced Methods  
Substance Abuse and Mental Illness  
Working with Family Systems  
Fostering Independence  
Selected Topics  
Complementary  
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Physical Education



## Admission Requirements

Admission to the College is on the basis of the Quebec Secondary School Diploma (*Diplôme d'études secondaires*); or the Quebec Diploma of Vocational Education (*Diplôme d'études professionnelles*) with Secondary 5 first and second languages as well as Secondary 4 Mathematics; or equivalent scholarship completed outside the province.

Volunteer work with individuals and/or groups with special needs are an asset, as life experiences and personal interests are taken into consideration. A letter of intent and references must be submitted with the application. Student interviews may be requested.

### Admissions Information:

admissions@vaniercollege.qc.ca or  
514.744.7100 or 514.744.7881

### Website:

www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/scc for more information including  
Course Descriptions and Graduation and Academic standards

### Coordinator:

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514.744.7500 local 6014  
for more information about the  
Special Care Counselling program