



# Human Service Diploma

## Making a meaningful difference

Prepare for a helping career with agencies that provide support and assistance to individuals coping with economic disadvantage, mental health issues, developmental, gender and diversity issues, substance use and other challenges. Gain an understanding of traditional and contemporary knowledge and healing practices of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. Expand your knowledge and practice your skills with members of diverse populations in a respectful, inclusive and safe environment.

Continue your education after graduation—your credits will apply toward programs in child and youth care or social work.

The Human Service Diploma is available at TRU's Kamloops, Williams Lake, and Open Learning campuses.

### **Get started on a career in:**

- Community support
- Social services
- Child and youth care
- Correctional and youth justice
- Alternate education programs
- Mental health and substance use services

## A TRU STORY

### Alysha Piva

Human Service Diploma alumna



*I grew up in McLure, BC, and from a young age had a passion for assisting community members to overcome barriers and reach their potential. After a year at another institution I realized my passion was social work, and transferred to TRU's Human Service Diploma program with*

*plans to ladder into the Bachelor of Social Work.*

*I found the small class sizes at TRU created a learning environment full of collaboration, critical thinking, and discussion. Moreover, the student services at TRU have both supported and enhanced my success as a first-generation university student.*

**Why TRU?** *The Human Service Diploma program places a significant emphasis on the career development of its students. During practicum I learned how to leverage my leadership and communication skills as well as how to professionally give and receive feedback in the workplace.*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Field Education

Field Education is provided to students in the Human Service Diploma program through the field learning experiences in HUMS 1600 and HUMS 2600. There are many diverse field placement opportunities available through our community partners who help provide human service work education to students. Practicum provides a real world look at the field of human service work and many students identify their practicum as the most significant learning experience of the program.

### HUMS 1600 First Year Community Service Learning

The Community Service Learning practicum is a model of field education and experiential learning that combines classroom learning with volunteer work in an agency. Community service learning links real life experiences in the community to academic content.

### HUMS 2600 Second Year Practicum

This course involves a supervised practicum at an agency which delivers community-based services. Students will be additionally required to attend practicum seminars on campus during the semester. Additional workshops will be provided for students within the month of September prior to the formal start of practicum site hours.



## FIND YOUR TRU

At TRU, be surrounded by stunning panoramic views of rivers, lakes and mountains. Located in the heart of the city, our sprawling campus is close to shopping, entertainment and a spectacular outdoor lifestyle. On campus, enjoy small classes and find it easy to be engaged with your professors and classmates. Learn by doing and take your passion beyond the classroom—whether through co-op placements, applied research, volunteering in the community or studying abroad. Find your path. Find your passion. Find your TRU.

## WHO CAN I TALK TO?

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