PHD IN SOCIAL PRACTICE AND TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

The College of Social and Applied Human Sciences (CSAHS) is launching a new, interdisciplinary doctoral program in Social Practice and Transformational Change. This program has been designed to stimulate interdisciplinary examination and critical theorization of social practice and its relationship to policy, programs and transformational change. In this program, you will design and implement practice-based research projects and research-based practices, as well as develop principled, ethical and sustainable frameworks for collaborative, community-engaged initiatives.

Through coursework and engagement activities you will acquire the knowledge necessary to pursue a career in academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and communities.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A unique feature of this program is your active participation in two facilitated communities of practice (CoPs), conceptualized as collaborative, dynamic, active learning groups of students, faculty and practitioners. Students must successfully complete the following degree requirements:

- Social Practice and Transformational Change
  SOPR*6000
- Research and Social Practice (CoP)
  SOPR*6100
- Methodologies Lab I & II (CoP)
  SOPR*6200
- Qualifying Examination
- Thesis

The program is grounded by six key pillars:

1. Intersectional and Decolonizing Approaches and the “Unsettling” Nature of Change;
2. Feminist, Gender, Sexuality and Other Critical Perspectives for Rethinking Difference and the Human;
3. Indigenous Knowledge Systems;
4. Social Justice and Praxis Orientation;
5. Methodological Innovation and Boundary Crossing; and
6. Community Engaged Scholarship.

Pursue innovative, transformative scholarship that crosses conventional disciplinary boundaries.
INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Intentionally designed to be deeply learner-centred, you will have an opportunity to explore your interests through the program through the creation of your own Individual Development Plan.

The Individual Development Plan will support you in aligning personal and professional goals with your academic expectations and responsibilities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a course or thesis-based master’s degree with a minimum grade average of at least 78% from an accredited university.

Applicants who have not completed a master's degree but have considerable relevant professional experience outside the academy may be considered for direct entry into the doctoral program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In advance of submitting your application, you are required to identify a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor must agree to be named in your application.

A completed application consists of the following:

- A detailed description of and rationale for your research interests and plans;
- Name and justification of your advisor; and
- Evidence of scholarly work, such as a master’s thesis or directed research project.

If relevant, a portfolio of prior work that connects to your research interest may be required. This could include policy, scholarly, or community activities.

Offers of admission are contingent upon approval from the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2019