



# Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers

## **Registration Policy on Social Work Programs Offered in Canada Accredited by the National Indigenous Accreditation Board (NIAB)**

Approved by Council on December 1, 2023

Under the terms of the *Social Work and Social Service Work Act, 1998* (the “Act”) and the regulations made under the Act, the Registrar may grant a certificate of registration for social work to a person who has obtained a degree in social work from a social work program accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE), or a degree from a social work program or an equivalent program offered in Canada and approved by Council as equivalent to a social work program accredited by the CASWE.

In October 2019, CASWE entered into an Agreement of Mutual Recognition of Accredited Degrees with the National Indigenous Accreditation Board (NIAB), which accredits Indigenous social work degree programs, at the baccalaureate and masters level, across Canada. Under the agreement, CASWE and NIAB agree to accept any masters or baccalaureate social work degrees, accredited by the other party, as substantially equivalent.

Accordingly, the following social work programs offered in Canada are approved by Council as equivalent to a social work program accredited by the CASWE:

1. A social work program offered at a university in Canada that is, at the time the applicant obtains the degree in social work, accredited by NIAB.