

## **STUDENT SERVICES OVERVIEW: Video text**

Hello, my name is Carrie Chassels and I work in Student Services at OISE.

Student Services provides a range of supports for all OISE students in order to ensure equitable opportunities for success and to enhance their overall experience as students.

Student Services provides personal support counseling for students who experience personal difficulties that are affecting their ability to be successful in their studies. Examples of circumstances that prompt students to arrange an appointment with a counselor at Student Services include personal illness or the illness of a close family member, learning difficulties, and other issues that prompt feelings of depression or of being overwhelmed.

Student Services also provides financial aid for students who receive OSAP and qualify for a bursary on the basis of financial need. Applications for financial assistance are available online through the Student Services website.

OISE and the University of Toronto are committed to supporting the diverse needs of students who have disabilities or illnesses. Students who have disabilities or illnesses are strongly encouraged to register with U of T's Accessibility Services and to make an appointment to meet with an advisor in Student Services at OISE in order to discuss the ways that their experiences can be supported. Students who register with Accessibility Services and meet regularly with an advisor at OISE have a very high rate of success in their programs.

Student Services provides many other programs and workshops to support student success. Our Academic and Cultural Support Centre (the ACSC) provides services to improve academic writing skills and it also provides a range of other services and workshops to support teacher candidates and graduate students. In particular, the ACSC provides programs that are developed specifically for internationally educated teacher candidates and graduate students.

To help OISE students prepare for employment as teachers and in education related fields, the Teacher Employment Preparation Centre, under the leadership of Amy Lobo, provides workshops, online resources, and an employment conference that provides opportunities for teacher candidates to speak with many prospective local and international employers.

I have touched on only a few of the services provided by Student Services at OISE. I encourage you to continue to explore our website to learn more about the ways we can support your success.