



## DISABILITY STUDIES PROGRAMS: CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

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1) University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

**Programs Offered:** *The Department of Educational & Counselling Psychology and Special Education offers M.A. and M.Ed. Special Education degrees in a number of disability-specific areas of concentration including Blindness & Visual Impairments, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Autism & Developmental Disabilities, Behaviour Disorders, Learning Disabilities, and Supporting Inclusive Education. Find out more [here](#).*

2) University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC

**Programs Offered:** *UNBC offers an M.A. degree program in Disability Management focused on providing graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to assist labor, management, insurance providers, employers, and employees with the development of successful work entry or return-to-work strategies for injured workers and/or persons with disabilities. Find out more [here](#).*

3) Vancouver Island University, Powell River, BC

**Programs Offered:** *VIU offers an undergraduate diploma program in Disability Studies, which provides a second year of study for students who have successfully completed the School and Community Support Worker (SCSW) program or an equivalent articulated post-secondary program. This diploma program uses community-engaged research projects to integrate and apply classroom learning in practice. Find out more [here](#).*

4) Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences, Port Alberni, BC

**Programs Offered:** *PCU-WHS offers a Bachelor of Disability Management (BDM) degree program. This program provides graduates with the underpinning of knowledge, skills and competencies both to assist absent workers to return to work and to assist employing organizations, service providers, and insurers in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors to introduce and operate cost-effective and responsive disability management and return-to-work programs. Find out more [here](#).*

5) University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

**Programs Offered:** *The University of Calgary has a Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies program, which offers a number of undergraduate and graduate level diplomas and degrees including a course-based Masters of Disability and Community Studies (MDCS) degree. The goal of this program is to foster leadership, innovation, and partnerships that advance knowledge, policy, and practice in Community Rehabilitation and the lives of individuals with disabilities in the community. Find out more [here](#).*

6) MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB

**Programs Offered:** *At one time, the Faculty of Health and Community Studies offered both an undergraduate certificate in Disability Management in the Workplace ([details here](#)), and an undergraduate diploma in Disability Studies: Leadership and Community ([details here](#)). However, it appears that neither program is currently accepting applications.*

7) University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB

**Programs Offered:** *The interdisciplinary Disability Studies program at the University of Winnipeg offers B.A. options at the three-year, four-year, and honours level. The focus of the program is the critical analysis of disability in society. This includes the study of disability as a social, cultural, historical, and political construction. Students are encouraged to examine a wide range of topics such as human rights, ethics, social movements, theory, family, sexuality, employment, socialization, aging, education, international development, and gender issues. Find out more [here](#).*

8) Brock University, St. Catharine's, ON

**Programs Offered:** *The Centre for Applied Disability Studies at Brock offers two graduate degree programs – M.A. in Applied Disability Studies and Masters of Applied Disability Studies (MADS) – as well as a graduate diploma program. The aim is to contribute to the betterment of the lives of persons with disabilities by providing multidisciplinary, quality postgraduate education to the next generation of professionals, researchers and educators, as well as to experienced professionals in the field. Find out more [here](#).*

9) York University, Toronto, ON

**Programs Offered:** *York's graduate program in Critical Disability Studies offers courses, research and professional training leading to an M.A. and/or PhD. Find out more [here](#).*

10) Western University, London, ON

**Programs Offered:** *The Developmental Disabilities Program in the Department of Psychiatry does not offer any degrees, diplomas, or certificates solely in the study of developmental disabilities. It does, however, offer educational opportunities for medical students, residents, practicing physicians, allied health professionals, mental health care practitioners, health care practitioners, and members of the Southwestern Ontario community in the care and treatment of people with developmental disabilities, with the goal of improved medical care for this population. Find out more [here](#).*

11) University of Windsor, Windsor, ON

**Programs Offered:** *The University of Windsor offers a B.A. (Honours) program in Disability Studies. This program has 20-course, 30-course and 40-course options available which can meet the needs of students coming directly from secondary school, graduates of Ontario CAAT human services programs, and students already employed in human services settings. Find out more [here](#).*

12) Ryerson University, Toronto, ON

**Programs Offered:** *The Disability Studies program at Ryerson provides part-time university education to adults with a disability-related college diploma or other post-secondary certification combined with disability-related work experience. At the end of the equivalent of approximately two years of full-time study, students receive a B.A. (Disability Studies). Alternatively, the School offers a Minor in Disability Studies for students from other Ryerson programs seeking to engage with new understandings and scholarship in this field. Find out more [here](#).*

13) Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

**Programs Offered:** *The Disability Studies Minor, housed in the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, offers students an opportunity to study disability as a category of analysis from an interdisciplinary approach. Students are exposed to cutting edge theories, methodologies, and debates that explore disability from historical, cultural, political, economic, and social perspectives. Examples of areas of research interests will include disability and the law, disability and theories of sexuality, disability and policy, disability activism, disability movements (local and transnational), disability and race, and disability in literature and art, to name only a few. Find out more [here](#).*

14) University of Fredericton, Fredericton, NB

**Programs Offered:** *University of Fredericton's School of Business offers an 18-month professional diploma in Integrated Disability Management, which is designed for professionals and practitioners working in the field of disability management, or who are seeking to pursue disability management as a career option. Students come into this diploma program with an academic background in a related discipline as well as with workplace experience in disability management. Find out more [here](#). It also offers a 4-month online certificate in Integrated Disability Management. Find out more [here](#).*