



CAREER PATHFINDERS

JOINT BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

DISABILITY STUDIES

Overview

Disability Studies provides a critical vehicle to examine the notions and constructions of disability and ableism. Students majoring in Disability Studies will be encouraged to deconstruct historical, political, social, and cultural models of ability and disability. Through their studies, students will enhance their critical thinking skills and social awareness.

“My BA in Disability Studies from UWinnipeg provided me with a solid theoretical understanding of disability issues from a human rights and intersectional perspective. The content covered in lectures and readings was thought-provoking, the discussions in class were dynamic and engaging, and the professors were incredibly knowledgeable and supportive. My studies provided me with the tools to incite my sociological imagination and draw upon feminist and poststructuralist literature to challenge oppressive concepts such as heteronormativity and ableism. I recommend the Disability Studies program to anyone interested in human rights discourse and making society a more inclusive place.”

- Evan Wicklund, Diploma in Disability and Community Support (RRC), BA in Disability Studies (UW), MA Cultural Studies (UW).

Job Titles

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educator (NOC 4011, 4021) • Community Support Worker (NOC 4212) • Policy Analyst (NOC 4164, 4165) • Accommodation Support Worker • Disability Management Coordinator (NOC 1121) • Social Worker (NOC 4152) • Public Administration (NOC 0413) • Claims Consultant (NOC 1312) • Employment Support Trainer (NOC 4156) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Instructor (NOC 4215) • Lawyer (NOC 4112) • Teacher (NOC 4032) • Early Childhood Educator and Assistant (NOC 4214) • Instructor (NOC 4021) • Social and Community Service Worker (NOC 4212) • Administrative Officer (NOC 1221) ^{1, 2} |
|--|---|

1 The numbers following each job title refer to [Canada's National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) code](#). Jobs may require additional education or training.

2 Government of Canada. “Education/Teaching of Individuals with Multiple Disabilities (13.1007), Bachelor's degree.” Job Bank, 24 March 2020, <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/studentdashboard/13.1007/LOS05>

Work Settings

- Community Service Agencies
- Government
- Consulting Firms
- Counselling Agencies
- Court System
- Educational Institutions
- Health Agencies
- Health Care Centres
- Legal Profession
- Non-Government Organizations
- Political Parties
- Public Interest Groups
- Social Service Organizations

Skills and Characteristics

- Critical thinking
- Analytical skills
- Advocacy skills
- Communication skills
- Social awareness

Professional Associations and Other Links

- Canadian Centre on Disability Studies <http://www.disabilitystudies.ca/>
- Council of Canadians with Disabilities <http://www.ccdonline.ca/en/>
- Canadian Disability Studies Association <https://cdsa-aceh.ca/>
- DisAbled Women's Network <https://www.dawncanada.net>
- National Education Association of Disabled Students <http://www.neads.ca/en/>
- Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadian <http://www.blindcanadians.ca/>
- Canadian Association of the Deaf http://www.cad.ca/index_en.php Canadian Hard of Hearing Association <https://www.chha.ca/>
- National Education Association of Disabled Students <http://www.neads.ca/en/> National Network for Mental Health <http://nnmh.ca/>
- Disability Support Jobs on Indeed.com <http://ca.indeed.com/Disability-Support-jobs-in-Winnipeg,-MB>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Disability Studies program, visit the [Disability Studies website](#) and the [Disability Studies Fact Sheet](#).

Students are encouraged to [schedule an appointment with an Academic and Career Advisor](#) for assistance with career planning.
