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Lucy Diep
Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation

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Since the program’s inception, CRDS has received international recognition for its contributions to the field and has established itself as a leader in community rehabilitation and disability studies.

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The program is student-focused, providing support to students with multidisciplinary research interests, a wide range of experience and diverse professional backgrounds.

Both on-campus and online learning opportunities through partner institutions and regional campus programs are available.

LEARNING WITH THE EXPERTS

This is one of the few university programs out there relevant to academia, government and service provision because it has both theoretical and applied implications. It attracts a multidisciplinary group of experts from across the country and from various fields like research, occupational therapy, nursing, employment supports and public trustees. There is great value in the distance approach and in learning with these experts.

Katrina Milaney
Master of Disability and Community Studies
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CREATING CHANGE

This program is hands-on and conversations with professors about what we have been learning highlight the importance of communities being active in shaping the course. They want us to see changes that we can make and how our work is used in real-life situations. The classes are interactive, and they are committed to seeing these changes happen.

Christopher Tuplin
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THE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation

• Four-year undergraduate degree
• Two-year undergraduate after degree
• Two-year undergraduate degree transfer program
• Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies minor or combined undergraduate degree
• Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies concentration within the Bachelor of Health Sciences, Health and Society major

Graduate Studies in Community Health Sciences

• Master of Disability and Community Studies
• Master of Science in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies
• Doctor of Philosophy in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

Professional Diploma

In preparation for a specialized career, advancement or graduate school, an eight-course professional diploma in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies is also available.

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This program is based on conversations. Conferences need to take place and we have to listen closely to the voices of those who are impacted by social justice issues. If we can understand the voices of the people in the course, they can teach us so much. This is what makes this program so unique. Faculty members are committed to making these issues happen. After all, we’re in this field because we feel this is what we need to do.

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LEARNING WITH THE EXPERTS

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